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HONEY - NO. 87.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (LAST HALF OF DECEMBER):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Bees are reported to have gone into winter quarters in better shape than in 1920. Heavy rains the last of the month are expected to greatly increase the nectar flow of sage and other mountain plants. Supplies light but uncertain, as some beekeepers are still holding their crop. The demand has been only fair, but the small quantity available is holding the market steady. More honey disposed of locally this year than ever before.

Large shippers quote to outside buyers, in carlots and less, f.o.b. shipping points, per lb: White Orange Blossom nominally 11½-12½¢, mostly 12-12½¢, White Sage 10½-12¢, Light Amber Sage mostly 8½¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6½-7¢, mostly 7¢, Amber Alfalfa few sales 6¢. Very little demand is reported for Hawaiian honey which is nominally quoted in carload lots, f.o.b. San Francisco per lb. White 6½-7¢, Light Amber 4½-5¢, Dark Amber 4½-5¢, Dark Amber 4-4½¢, Honeydew Honey 3½-4¢. Beeswax is in light demand with dealers offering crude wax at 22-24¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Conditions decidedly spotted. Bees generally entered winter quarters in good strength, but late warm weather used up stores very rapidly. Supplies cleaning up in some sections; in others a large amount of honey still on hand. Honey moving slowly in a local way, and a slight improvement is reported in carlot demand. The interest of many Eastern firms making inquiry has been checked by the high freight rates but a reduction in the rate of about 1/3¢ per lb. to the East becomes effective from this section on Jan. 15, and should strengthen the market.

Carlot sales and quotations of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported from Idaho, Colorado, Utah and Nevada at 7-9¢, mostly 8 1/4-9¢, few 10¢ per lb. White Comb ranges $4.25-5.00 per 20-section cases for No. 1 grade and $4.00 for No. 2. Several cars of Amber Alfalfa still remaining in Salt River Valley, Arizona, for which prices of 5½-5 3/4¢ per lb. are offered. Beekeepers have been receiving 24¢ cash or 30¢ in trade for beeswax.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees went into winter quarters in fairly good condition. The wholesale price of extracted honey ranged 8-12¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Colonies well supplied with stores and strong in bees; entered winter quarters in better than normal condition. Recent rains in many sections of state tend to improve conditions for spring. Supplies limited. White honey has sold in large lots at 10-12¢, Light Amber 8½-10¢ per lb. and bulk comb at 12½-14¢ per lb.

EAST AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Bees in favored sections made use of a few hours of flight weather during past 2 weeks to clean out the hives; some cellar-wintered bees reported very restless. Bees seem to be wintering well thus far, and no signs of dysentery have developed. Stores generally ample, but colonies in Southern Wisconsin and No. Illinois consumed a record amount of stores the past fall, and beekeepers in that area likely to lose heavily from starvation.

The normal holiday dullness has been experienced during past 2 weeks. Large bottlers said to be buying only from hand to mouth to fill current needs; therefore beekeepers have developed local and nearby demand. Many tons have been sold at roadside stores throughout the White Clover territory. Some large beekeepers still have heavy holdings; but many smaller beekeepers are already sold out.

White Clover honey has been selling in large lots at 10-15¢ per lb; darker honeys at 6-10¢. Demand for off-grade stock reported light. White Comb ranges $4.50-5.25 per case.

NEW YORK STATE: Bees generally went into winter quarters strong in numbers and with plenty of stores. White Clover honey said to be largely cleaned up; but large quantities of Buckwheat are still held by beekeepers. Shortage of fruit in this State is one factor in the improved local demand, which is slightly above normal.

Large lots of extracted White Clover have sold at 10-12½¢ per lb. and of Buckwheat at 7½-9¢, with off-grades low as 5-6¢ per lb. Comb honey supplies are not heavy. No. 1 White Clover has been moving at $4.50-5.00 per 24-section case, and No. 1 Buckwheat at $4.00.

CUBA: Shipments to Holland continue in heavy volume at 60¢ per gal. including cost and freight.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: So little cold weather experienced in Southern Georgia and Florida that bees have been flying practically every day and appear to be in good condition. Maple bloom is expected early in January, when pollen will be plentiful and bees will begin breeding up for spring. Crop outlook normal. Some Amber honey selling at 7-8½¢ per lb. in bbls. or 8½-10¢ per lb. in cans; fancy white quoted 9½¢ in bbls, 12¢ in cans. Off grades, in bbls. reported low as 4½¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Approximately 100 cases unknown comb arrived since last report. Conditions show little change with very light demand and movement. West Indian honey weak but comb and higher grades of extracted honey firm.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.00-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Porto Rico, Amber 75-80¢ per gal. Cuban, Amber 65¢ per gal. California, White Sage 16-18¢ per lb. Brokers nominal less than carlot quotations, delivered Boston basis - per lb. White Sage 12-13¢, Light Amber Alfalfa or Sage 9-10¢, Amber Alfalfa or Sage 7-7½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report - 1 car Colo. 1 car Ida. 1 car Wyo. 1 car Calif. 1 car Ia. 1 car Cuban, Porto Rican imports combined, 600 lbs. Calif. 3,2000 lbs. Wis. arrived. Demand and movement slow especially on comb, market steady on extracted, weak on comb.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado and Idaho, Alfalfa and Clover, white 11-11½¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢, mixed flavors dark 9¢. Michigan and Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood. 12-12½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Iowa and Michigan, Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to harnessmakers, ship supply houses and wholesale druggists - Missouri, Louisiana and Oklahoma, light 30-32¢, dark 27-29¢.

CINCINNATI: No arrivals during past 2 weeks. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 10-11¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases No. 1 White $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement light, market weaker. Colorado, Idaho and Utah, 24-section cases Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $6.00-6.50. Minnesotas and Wisconsins, 24-section cases No. 1, $6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement slow, market weaker. Sales direct to retailers, confectioners and bakers - Colorado and Utah, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed White 12-14¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic and foreign receipts moderate. Supplies moderate. Demand light, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - Domestic per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8½¢, few 9¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom mostly 13¢. New York, White Clover 9-10¢, Buckwheat 7-8¢. West Indian and South American refined, per gal. 65-70¢.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts moderate. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market slightly stronger. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and Drug trade - per lb. South American and West Indian, crude light 22-23¢, few 24¢. African, dark mostly 15¢, few 16¢.

PHILADELPHIA: EXTRACTED: Receipts are very light, but supplies are sufficient to meet the demand, which continues very light. Market dull. No sales reported.

BEESWAX: Supplies moderate. Demand slightly improved with a better outlook. Market fitm on better grades. Sales to manufacturers - per lb. crude Chilean, medium 22-23¢. African, dark 13½-14¢.

ST. LOUIS: Practically no receipts of comb or extracted during past two weeks. Demand and movement slow, and market steady. No jobbing sales reported; all sales made direct to retailers in small lots.

EXTRACTED: Per lb. in 5-gal. cans Southern, Light Amber various mixed flavors 9-10¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-12¢.

COMB: 24-section cases, Colorado White Alfalfa and Clover No. 1 heavy $6.25-6.75.

BEESWAX: Very light receipts. Practically no demand or movement, market weak and prices unchanged. Nominal quotations on sales to jobbers basis 23¢ per lb. for nearby and Southern average country run wax.

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IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1921.
(Secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER 1921.

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity gallon*	Value dollars
France	44	160
Greece	687	687
Turkey in Europe	30	31
England	6	12
Canada	497	980
Costa Rica	5	12
Guatemala	1,550	1,488
Mexico	762	337
British West Indies	20	28
Cuba	7,941	3,999
Haiti	460	149
Chile	3,074	1,413
TOTAL	15,076	9,296

* Note: A gallon of honey usually weighs between 11½ and 12 lbs.

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM HAWAII AND PORTO RICO TO U.S.
During November 1921.

Countries	Quality lbs.	Value
Porto Rico	214,307	10,349
Hawaii	20,465	882

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER 1921.

Countries EXPORTED to	Quality lbs.	Value dollars
Denmark	34,952	4,916
Germany	47,063	2,501
Netherlands	5,280	616
United Kingdom	201,064	23,840
Bermuda	55	17
Canada	7,265	1,026
Honduras	164	27
Nicaragua	82	14
Panama	600	78
Mexico	1,770	371
Newfoundland & Labrador	51	16
British West Indies	200	25
Cuba	220	38
Colombia	980	135
China	660	220
British India	930	367
Hongkong	513	165
Japan	120	20
Siam	72	33
Philippine Islands	120	44
TOTAL	302,163	34,469

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER 1921.

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
France	5,586	1,537
Germany	12,300	1,448
Netherlands	14,303	4,236
Portugal	158,708	20,499
England	2,860	329
Canada	500	188
Cuba	25,162	5,056
Haiti	894	113
Dominican Republic	942	241
Brazil	4,455	748
Chile	8,425	1,774
Aden	22,674	3,478
TOTAL	256,809	39,647

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER 1921.

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
Canada	1,706	561
Mexico	2,770	555
Miquelon, Langely etc.	50	20
Cuba	106	24
Venezuela	100	40
Australia	1,862	465
New Zealand	55	24
TOTAL	6,649	1,689

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HONEY - NO. 88.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of January):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Recent heavy rains have strengthened the prospects for a heavy flow of high-grade honey next season. Many beekeepers who have been holding back some of their higher-priced honeys are now offering them, due to the outlook for a heavier crop.

The movement has been limited during the past two weeks and the market has been dull. Low prices of sugar and syrups thought to have an adverse effect on honey prices. Competition with cheaper honeys from Inter-Mountain Districts also lessening the movement of White Sage and White Orange from California. It is believed that the old crop will all be cleaned up before the new crop is harvested, but local demand will be an important factor in the amount of honey that is left.

Large shippers quote to outside buyers, in carlots and less, f.o.b. shipping points, per lb: White Orange blossom, offered at 12¢, but no sales, White Sage, nominally 10½¢, Light Amber Sage 8½¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6½-6 3/4¢. The whole range of prices can be considered nominal, as so few sales were made. Little demand is also experienced for Hawaiian honey, which is offered in carload lots, f.o.b. San Francisco at 3½¢ per lb. for Honeydew grade.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Bees with ample stores are wintering well, as the temperature to date has been moderate, while not so mild as to induce activity. The holiday business has been light, but conditions are now expected to improve, and some buyers are making slightly improved offers. Considerable honey from some sections being consigned.

Carlot sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa are reported as 8-8½¢, mostly 8½¢ per lb. with l.c.l. sales of 5-gal. cans at 9-10¢, few 11-12¢ per lb. Carlot sales No. 1 White Comb are reported at $4.75 per 24-section case, with No. 2 grade selling at $4.25-4.40 per case. L.c.l. transactions in No. 1 grade are reported at $5.00-5.50 per case. Beeswax has been purchased for 20¢ cash or 22¢ trade, with some transactions at higher prices. In Salt River Valley, Arizona, 6 1/4¢ per lb. is quoted for a carlot of Amber Alfalfa honey. Heavy rains in the Valley point to a big crop next year.

Due to the presence of Alfalfa weevils and the low prices of Alfalfa hay in some sections of Idaho, a considerable alfalfa acreage will be plowed up in the Spring, reducing the feeding area for many colonies.

TEXAS POINTS: Crop outlook not favorable, due to long drouth in the fall. Bees considered in normal condition. Some Light Amber extracted honey is selling at 7½¢ per lb., but the 1921 crop is about exhausted in many localities. Most of the honey in the State was disposed of in the summer and fall at 8½¢ per lb. for extracted and 12½¢ per lb. for bulk comb honey.

EAST AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Prospects good for next season as fields are generally well covered with snow. Conditions considered ideal for bees which were properly prepared for winter. Cellar-wintered colonies reported in good condition; colonies wintered in summer stands have, in favorable localities, enjoyed a few hours of flight since last last report.

While moving more freely than last season, comparatively little honey has been sold during the past month, as the attention of buyers has been more closely centered on candy than on honey. Bottlers are offering 9-10¢, per lb. in carlots, but few sales were made at those figures. Less than carlot sales of White Clover reported at 12-14¢ per lb. in 5-gal. cans. White comb ranges $4.80-5.25 per case in small lots.

Comb honey is so nearly exhausted in Wisconsin that Western honey is now being shipped into that state. Further, Western extracted honey is being bought by Wisconsin bottlers for blending as the delivered price is cheaper than local goods can be purchased at.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The crop outlook for next season is reported as fair, although the lack of snow in some areas is harmful to clover. Bees are wintering well, but the opportunity for a cleansing flight is badly needed by some colonies.

The honey movement is light, as is usual at this time of year. The supplies of most beekeepers are already largely exhausted. No. 1 White comb is reported at $5.00 per case, and No. 1 Buckwheat at $4.00-4.25 per case. No large transactions were reported of extracted White Clover in 5-gal. cans, but in 5-lb. pails it has sold freely. Buckwheat honey in barrels is reported as moving at 7¢ per lb.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Supplies light. Few sales reported of Amber extracted at 7½-9¢, White 10-12¢ per lb. Abundance of cane syrup around 50¢ per gal. is held partly responsible for the light demand this season. In Mississippi and Louisiana rain has been plentiful and crop outlook and colonies are both good. In Georgia and Florida recent cold weather has kept bees inside the hives except on favorable days. Bees are bringing in pollen from the maple for brood-rearing.

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BOSTON: Approximately 100 cases N.Y. arrived since last report. Demand and movement continue light. California honey weak, other kinds steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, carton stock, 20-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Porto Rico, Amber 80-82¢ per gal. California, White Sage 14-16¢, small lots 18¢ per lb. Brokers less-than-carlot quotations delivered Boston basis - California, White Sage 12-13¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1,000 lbs. each Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa and Texas arrived.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement very slow, most sales in small lots. Operators taking inventory and not pusing sales. Better movement expected. Market about steady. Sales to bottlers, bakers and candy manufacturers, per lb. -Colorado and Idaho, Alfalfa and Clover, white 11-11½¢, Light Amber 9 1/4-10¢, mixed flavors dark 8 3/4-9 1/4¢. California, White Sage 11-11½¢. Michigan and Wisconsin, Basswood and Clover, white 12-12½¢.

COMB: Demand and movement very slow, market weak. Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota, Clover and Alfalfa, 24-section cases No. 1, $5.25-5.75, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market barely steady. Sales to wholesale druggists, laundries and ship-supply houses - African and South American, crude 15-16¢.

CINCINNATI: Since last report - 1 car Nevada arrived. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for the important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement light, market dull on both extracted and comb.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 10-11¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho, 24-section cases No. 1, White $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. Market steady. COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement light. Sales direct to retailers- Western, 24-section cases No. 1 Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement slow. Sales direct to retailers, confectioners and bakers - Western, 5-gal. cans Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed, white 12-13¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: January 16 - Domestic receipts limited, foreign receipts moderate. Supplies limited. Demand light, market dull but slightly better feeling.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - Domestic per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, Light Amber Sage 8½-10¢, mostly 9-10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom 13-14¢, mostly 13¢. New York, White Clover 11-12¢, Buckwheat 7-8¢. West Indian and South American, refined 60-70¢, few 75¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies light. New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $6.00-7.00, Buckwheat, mostly $4.50.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts moderate. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market slightly stronger. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - South American and West Indian crude light, best 23-24¢, few 25¢, slightly darker 18-22¢. African, dark 15-17¢, few 18¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No carlot arrivals since last report. Practically no demand or movement. No sales reported of honey.

BEESWAX: Receipts light. Demand and movement slow, market slightly stronger on African. Sales to manufacturers - per lb. Chilean, medium 22-23¢. African, dark 15-16¢.

ST. LOUIS: Very light receipts of Southern extracted and practically no comb reported arrived during past two weeks. Demand and movement slow, market steady and unchanged. Sales to retailers in small lots -

EXTRACTED: Per lb. in 5-gal. cans Southern, Light Amber various mixed flavors 9-11¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Clover No. 1 heavy $6.25-6.75.

BEESWAX: Very light receipts. Practically no demand or movement, market dull and nominal. Nearby and Southern average country run wax is quoted at 23¢ per lb. on sales to jobbers basis. Report for January 16.

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HONEY - NO. 89.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of January):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: The rain has improved the prospects for next season's honey crop, and a heavy yield of high quality is expected provided that the weather is warm and there is plenty of rain during February and March. This holds especially true for the Sages and for White Orange honey.

Demand and movement have been limited during the past 2 weeks, but the market is a trifle weaker on account of beekeepers being more disposed to sell their stocks. The honey on hand is expected to be cleaned up before the coming season's crop is ready. Local demand will continue to be a big factor in the market during the coming months, expecially for White Orange and Sage.

Large shippers quote to outside buyers, in carlots and less, f.o.b. shipping points, per lb: White Orange Blossom, nominally 11-11½¢, White Sage nominally 10½-11¢, Light Amber Sage 8¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 3/4-7¢. Hawaiian honey is about cleaned up, a little Amber being offered at 5½¢ per lb. and Honeydew honey at 3½¢ per lb., f.o.b. San Francisco.

A reorganization of the cooperative exchange system of California honey producers, which is said to have shipped over 200 carloads of honey in the last 20 months, is reported to be under way. The week of Feb. 6-11 has been set aside by the Governor of California as "Honey Week".

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Recent severe cold weather will probably result in a considerable loss in bees, especially in hives not plentifully supplied with stores. Bees said to be drawing heavily on stores in the center of hives, it being too cold to bring in stores from the sides.

Inquiries are reported to be more active, with high freight rates curtailing the sales in some sections. The supplies of many beekeepers are nearly exhausted; but several large shippers still have considerable honey on hand.

Carlot quotations of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa are reported as ranging 8-8½¢ per lb. with small lot sales higher. Occasional beekeepers have been disposing of extracted honey as low as 7½¢ per lb.. Comb honey generally selling $4.00-4.50 per 24-section case, few high as $5.00. Local demand much greater than last year for both extracted and comb honey.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Large lots of extracted honey move at 10-12¢ per lb. some low as 8¢. Some beekeepers pessimistic over troubles with fruit spray poisoning, feeling that they may have to quit beekeeping altogether if some remedy is not forthcoming.

TEXAS POINTS: Bees continue in good condition. Light rains in summer and fall left honey plants in many sections in poor condition. Prospects therefore not encouraging for good honey crop in 1922. Practically no honey now in beekeepers' hands, although some stored by the association. Extracted honey selling lightly at 8½-10¢ per lb. Market dull.

EAST AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Honey largely cleaned up except in hands of large beekeepers, and some men are endeavoring to purchase additional stock to resell, to take care of orders. Severely cold weather apt to cause heavy winter losses. It also has prevented, for several weeks, a bee-flight, which is badly needed. Clover fields generally well-covered with snow; occasional fields rather bare.

Large lots of Clover honey are being quoted at 9-10¢per lb., with small lots in 60-lb. cans ranging 12-14¢. Dark and amber grades are quoted at 7-8¢ per lb.

PLAINS STATES: Supplies largely cleaned up. Lack of snow and dry weather adversely affecting prospects for 1922 crop. Small lots of White Clover and White Sweet Clover in 60-lb. cans selling at 12-15¢ per lb. some quoting low as 10¢.

NEW YORK STATE: Clover fields well protected by snow. Some bees were flying early in January, which is unusually late and should bring them through in good shape. Supplies generally light. Large lots of extracted Clover honey moving at 9-12¢ in 60-lb. cans, and Buckwheat at 6-8¢. Comb honey scarce. Local sales much greater than last year.

SOUTHERN STATES: Supplies generally not heavy, but honey is moving slowly, as home-made cane syrup is affecting the sale of honey. Brood-rearing has been below normal for this time of year. Recent cold snap not thought to have harmed the bees. Considerable feeding necessary in some sections. Sales of extracted honey generally range 8-10¢, few 12¢ per lb., with some Amber honey reported low as 6½¢.

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WEST INDIES: It is reported that in both Cuba and Porto Rico continued dry weather is reducing the flow of honey. Prices are lower. Cuban honey is quoted at 4¢ per lb. f.o.b., while shipments have recently gone to Holland at 55¢ per gal. including cost and freight.

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BOSTON: Since last report - 2 cars Calif. by boat arrived. Demand and movement light, market steady.

COMB: Supply light. Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, carton stock, 20-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Porto Rico and Cuba, sales mostly in small lots, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 14-16¢ per lb. Brokers less-than-carlot sales, delivered Boston basis, per lb. California, White Sage 12-13¢, Light Amber 9-10¢, Amber 7-8¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report - 7,000 lbs. Ill., 2,000 lbs. Wis., 1,000 lbs. Ia., 3,000 lbs. Nebr., 3,000 lbs. Calif., and 1,000 lbs. Colo. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement moderate, market tone a trifle improved. Sales to bottlers, wholesale bakers and candy manufacturers - per lb. Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois, Clover, white 11-12¢, Light Amber 10¢, few small sales high as 10½¢. Colorado and Idaho, White Sweet Clover 11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa, mostly 9¢. California, White Sage 11-11½¢.

COMB: Demand and movement slow, market has been dull for more than a month. Sales to retailers- Illinois, Michigan and Iowa, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.25, No. 2, $4.00-4.50. Colorado, White Sweet Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.50.

BEESWAX: Demand and movement slow, market barely steady past month. Quite a lot of inferior foreign wax still on market. Sales to wholesale druggists and laundry supply houses per lb. Colorado, California and Idaho, light 30-32¢, dark 28-29¢. West Indian and Central American, best grade crude, light 25¢, dark as low as 15¢, but most of the inferior foreign wax is refined before being sold, and then moves at around 25¢ per lb.

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for the important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: No supplies. Local dealers holding off for lower f.o.b. quotati

COMB: Colorado and Wyoming, 24-section cases No. 1 White $5.40.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement light, market slightly weaker. Sales direct to retailers- Western, 24-section cases, No. 1 Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed $6.00, few $6.50, No. 2, $5.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement light, market firm. Sales direct to retailers confectioners and bakers - Western, 5-gallon cans Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed White and Light Amber 13-14¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts limited, foreign receipts limited. Supplies generally limited. Demand improving, market steady, better feeling.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - Domestic per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, Light Amber Sage 9-9½¢, few 10¢, White Sage best 11-12¢, poorer low as 10¢, White Orange Blossom 13-15¢, mostly 14¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover best 11-12¢. New York, White Clover 10-11¢, few 12¢, Buckwheat 7-8¢. West Indian and South American, refined best 70-75¢, poorer low as 60¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies light. New York, 24-section cases White Clover $6.00-6.50, few $7.00.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market firm. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - South American and West Indian, crude light, best 23-24¢, few 25¢, poorer low as 21¢, dark 15-16¢. African, dark best 17-18¢, poorer low as 15¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No carlot arrivals since last report. Demand is very poor for the rather limited supplies. The market is reported as steady although there are too few sales to establish a market.

BEESWAX: No arrivals have been reported, but some imports are expected. Demand is improving, market slightly stronger. Sales to manufacturers - crude per lb. African, dark 15-17¢. Brazilian, medium light 22-23¢. Chilean, medium light 23-24¢.

ST. LOUIS: Since last report - 1 car Calif. reported arrived. Practically no other receipts. Demand and movement slow, market steady.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers -Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Clover No. 1 heavy mostly around $6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, per lb. in 5-gal. cans California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8½-9¢. Sales direct to retailers - Southern, Light Amber various mixed flavors mostly around 9-10¢. BEESWAX: Practically no receipts. Practically no movement. Market dull and nominally Western and Southern, average country run waxquoted at 23¢ per lb. on sales to jobbers basis.

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IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1921
(Secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER 1921.

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity gallon*	Value dollars
Greece	382	376
Canada	430	739
Costa Rica	220	220
Guatemala	1,604	711
Cuba	6,202	2,983
Dominican Republic	1,320	737
Chile	50	24
New Zealand	15	29
Palestine and Syria	26	66
TOTAL	10,249	5,885

* Note: A gallon of honey usually weighs between 11½ and 12 lbs.

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM HAWAII AND PORTO RICO TO U. S.
During December 1921

Countries	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
Porto Rico	92,536	5,050
Hawaii	236,564	9,948

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER 1921

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
Netherlands	10,620	1,406
England	93,280	8,288
Canada	11,353	1,517
Honduras	288	40
Panama	60	11
Mexico	3,728	1,135
British West Indies	178	23
Cuba	160	36
Brazil	565	191
Dutch Guiana	120	17
China	1,671	403
British India	2,504	627
Straits Settlements	360	155
Other British East Indies	96	40
Dutch East Indies	1,464	545
Hongkong	720	169
Japan	410	84
Philippine Islands	1,874	425
TOTAL	129,451	15,112

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER 1921

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
Germany	7,508	1,081
Netherlands	4,631	1,320
Portugal	145,108	17,952
England	28	7
Canada	204	96
Jamaica	1,095	137
Cuba	8,876	1,775
Dominican Republic	5,245	800
Brazil	24,458	4,051
Chile	11,546	2,293
TOTAL	208,699	29,512

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER 1921.

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
Canada	1,937	408
Mexico	1,000	250
Dutch West Indies	202	30
Venezuela	40	16
China	535	268
Philippine Islands	286	57
TOTAL	4,000	1,029

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APICULTURE IN PIEDMONT, ITALY

(By Dana C. Sycks, American Consul in charge, Turin, Italy.)
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Apiculture in Piedmont, as well as throughout Italy, received its impetus only during the last 10 or 12 years. The production of honey was small but of a very good quality and sufficient only for home consumption. The apiaries were only found among the large land owners who cultivated honey exclusively for private use. Due credit must be given to the International Museum of Apiculture in Turin for the present important increase in the production of honey throughout the Province as extensive propaganda was prepared by the Museum and disseminated in all of the rural districts. As a direct result, Piedmont at present possesses more than 1,000 apiaries which yield annually about 2,000 quintale (440,000 pounds) of an excellent quality of honey.

During the war, the very limited rations of sugar regulated by the Italian Government increased the use of honey as a substitute not only for family use but also for commercial purposes, especially in connection with the manufacture of candies and pastry.

The sudden increase in the demand, and the very limited supply, caused the prices of honey to jump from 2 and 3 lire* a kilogram (2.204 pounds) to between 12 and 14 lire. The increased profits obtained for this product soon caused a considerable increase in the number of apiaries throughout Piedmont, which is a province with abundant clover fields and flowers of all descriptions favorable to the production of honey of an excellent quality.

In view of the very limited local production before the war, a considerable quantity of honey for commercial needs was purchased from the provinces of Abruzzi and Romagna in Southern Italy. It is said, however, that the quality of honey from those districts did not meet with the approval of the buyers in Piedmont who then turned their attention to foreign markets.

The quantity of honey imported from 1911 to 1920 was as follows:

	- Pounds -		- Pounds -
1911	228,140	1916	263,020
1912	253,440	1917	2,600,840
1913	446,400	1918	2,832,940
1914	263,460	1919	282,480
1915	50,160	1920	237,450

Before the war, the average annual importation of honey was 220,000 pounds. During the first two years of the war - 1914 and 1915, the annual importation dropped to 110,000 pounds, due in part to the increase in the home production and various Royal Decrees limiting the manufacture of candies and pastry. In 1917 and 1918, the importation of honey increased to 2,600,840 pounds and 2,832,940 pounds respectively, owing to the removal of various Government war restrictions and the almost complete lack of sugar during that period.

Before the war Germany, chiefly the section around Hamburg, supplied the major part of all honey imported into Italy. During the war this demand was transferred to the United States, which supplied practically all honey imported into the Kingdom of Italy. A large percentage of the honey imported from the United States was considered inferior to the quality of that produced in Piedmont. A considerable quantity is still imported into this country from the United States as follows:

Jan. 1 to June 30, 1920 ---------- 385,880 lbs.
Jan. 1, to June 30, 1921 ---------- 151,140 lbs.

The high prices obtained abroad have also been an important factor, and an inducement to exporting the excellent grades of Piedmontese honey. The districts around Monterosa (Susa Valley), and Pragelato (Chisone Valley), in Piedmont are famous for the quality of honey produced. This was largely exported to France during the year 1920 and 1921. During 1920, France received 663 quintale or 145,860 pounds, while during 1921, it has been estimated that 347 quintale or 76,340 pounds were exported to that country.

The International Museum of Apiculture of Turin, Italy, is endeavoring to obtain the financial assistance of the Italian Government in Rome in Connection with a more extensive campaign for a larger production of honey with the idea that from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 apiaries may eventually be found throughout Italy, thus changing the Nation from an importer to an exporter of this product.

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* Par value of Lire - 19.3¢; value on Jan. 26, 1922 - 4.43¢.

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HONEY - NO. 90.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of February):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Prospects for next season's crop considered favorable, both as to volume and quality, if spring rains are normal. The prolonged cold spell earlier in the season caused a setback to bees in some sections with many colonies considerably depleted in numbers.

Prices show little change over those prevailing two weeks ago. Since the heavy rains many beekeepers have disposed of their reserve supply of honey, and those still holding are increasingly inclined to sell. "Honey Week", authorized by proclamation of the Governor of California for February 6-11 inclusive, may slightly have helped retailers to dispose of their surplus stock but apparently has not as yet stimulated buying from the brokers.

Quotations continue largely nominal. Recent carlot sales of Light Amber Alfalfa are reported at 6½¢ per lb; one of Light Amber Sage at 7½¢, and one of White Orange Blossom and Sage at 11½¢ per lb. Other flavors can be quoted nominally about as indicated in the last report.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Bees generally wintering fairly well, but in need of early flight if spring dwindling is not to be serious. The cold weather and long confinement will mean a somewhat larger loss than normal. Spring feeding will be necessary with many colonies, due to open weather in fall which depleted stores. Crop outlook good for coming season.

Supplies in carlot quantities clearing up, and local demand can be counted on to absorb small-lot surplus. Rather active inquiry received from both eastern and western buyers.

The uniform carlot price for 5-gal. cans of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa is 8½¢ per lb., with occasional sales at 9¢, and with less-than-carlots ranging 10-12¢. Several carlot sales of Arizona Light Amber honey reported at $7.00 per case of 120 lbs. Comb honey of No. 1, grade White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, generally selling $4.00-4.15 per 24-section case, with occasional sales high as $5.00. For beeswax 20¢ per lb. in cash or 22¢ in trade is being offered.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The continued cold period, with little suitable flight weather, has caused a considerable loss of bees. The prospects for the 1922 crop are reported normal. Supplies of extracted honey are generally light, although occasional beekeepers report much honey still in their hands. Light-colored extracted honey in small lots of 5-gal. cans is being sold at 10-12½¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: The bees are generally wintering with little loss, although some beekeepers report dwindling as result of constant flying. Stores have been rapidly consumed. Brood-rearing commencing in South Texas. Prospects for the new honey crop continue doubtful due principally to lack of rain during fall and winter. Extracted honey in 5-gal. cans selling mostly at 8½-10¢ per lb., with chunk honey 4¢ per lb. higher. Beekeepers are receiving 22-24¢ per lb. for beeswax.

EAST AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Wintering prospects greatly improved by several days of weather suitable for bee flights. Clover fields in northern part of area generally well-protected by snow, but outlook for honey flow less favorable in southern section where many fields are bare of snow.

Demand has increased somewhat, and the movement of honey is better than that of last month. Bottlers are offering 9½-10 3/4¢ per lb. for carlots of White Clover in 60-lb. cans. Many small lot sales of this size container made at 11 3/4-15¢ per lb. Carlots of Amber honey are quoted at 6-8¢ per lb., with smaller lots at 9-10¢. White Comb honey ranges $4.80-5.50 per case. Sales direct to consumer show great increase over those of last year. Some beekeepers are bringing in western honey to fill their orders.

PLAINS AREA: The mild winter has been favorable to bees, but lack of snow has injured prospects for good nectar flow next season. Sales of extracted White Clover reported at 12¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Supplies in beekeepers' hands are practically exhausted as result of unusually good demand. The bees are wintering well in both cellars and outside stands. The outlook for the new crop is generally good, as clover fields are well-covered with snow. Bees have enjoyed occasional flight days.

Sales of Buckwheat in barrels at 7¢ per lb., and at 9-10¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans, reported. Few sales made of extracted White Clover in 60-lb. cans. Large lots of 24-section cases of White Clover comb honey have sold around $5.00 per case, with small lot sales direct to retailers and consumers at $5.75-6.50 per case.

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SOUTHERN STATES: In many sections bees are busy bringing in pollen from the maple and pennyroyal, and brood-rearing is therefore in progress. Recent heavy rains indicate a heavy spring flow of nectar. Considerable feeding being done. Best white extracted honey selling at 10-12¢ per lb. in 5-gal. cans

CUBA: Cuban honey continues to be quoted at 4¢ per lb. f.o.b. Recent heavy shipments to Holland reported at 54¢ per gal., including cost and freight.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Prices represent sales or current quotations for Feb. 14, as secured from the original receivers but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree.

BOSTON: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Conditions practically unchanged with light demand and steady prices.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, carton stock 20-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Porto Rico and Cuba, sales mostly in small lots, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 13½-16¢ per lb. mostly around 14¢. Brokers less-than-carlot quotations, delivered Boston basis, per lb. California, Sage White 12-13¢, Light Amber 9-9½¢, Amber 7½-8¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report - 1 car Nev. 1 car Wyo. 1 car Ariz. 2,000 lbs. Wis. 3,000 lbs. Minn. and 3,500 lbs. Ohio arrived. Demand and movement slow to fair, market about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, bakers and candy manufacturers - Arizona and Wyoming, per lb. Alfalfa White 10-11½¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢. Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 11½-12½¢. California, White mixed mountain flowers 11-11½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Ohio, Michigan and Minnesotas, 24-section cases No. 1 $5.00-5.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market about steady. Sales to wholesale druggists, ship supply houses and laundry supply houses - California, Colorado and Arizona, best crude 30-32¢, poorer 27-29¢. Central American, best crude 24-26¢.

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals. Supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: No supplies. No sales reported.

COMB: Colorado and Wyoming, 24-section cases No. 1 White $5.00-5.25.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement light, market weaker. Sales to retailers - Western, 24-section cases Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $5.50-6.00, No. 2, $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement light, market slightly weaker. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - Western, 5-gal. cans Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, mixed, White and Light Amber 12½-13¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Both domestic and foreign receipts limited. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - Domestic, per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, Light Amber Sage 9-9½¢, few 10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, mostly 11½¢, White Orange Blossom 12-14¢, mostly 13-14¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10-11¢, few high as 12¢. New York, White Clover 11-12¢, Buckwheat 7-8¢. West Indian, South American, refined 65-70¢, few high as 75¢ per gal. poorer low as 60¢.

COMB: New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $6.00-7.00 per case.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers, and drug trade- South American and West Indian, crude light, best 22-25¢, dark 15-18¢. African, dark 16-17¢, poorer low as 14¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Both supplies and demand limited. Too few sales to establish market on honey.

BEESWAX: Supplies light. Demand light, market steady. Sales to manufacturers crude per lb. African, dark 14½-15¢. Brazilian, medium light 22-23¢. Chilean, medium light 23-24¢.

ST. LOUIS: Practically no receipts reported. Supplies are liberal and movement fairly good. Nearly all sales in small lots. Market steady.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, heavy $6.25.

EXTRACTED: Sales direct to retailers- per lb. in 5-gal. cans California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Southern, Light Amber various mixed flavors mostly around 9-10¢.

BEESWAX: Practically no receipts. Too few sales reported to establish a market. Nearby and Southern, average country run wax, is nominally quoted on sales to jobbers basis at 23¢ per lb.

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HONEY - NO. 91.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of February):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Continued favorable rains have increased the chances for a heavy honey crop, until present prospects are for one of the largest yields the state has produced. The Sage crop has been especially helped by the rain and even the flow of Orange is expected to be greater than had been anticipated. Beekeepers are therefore increasingly anxious to dispose of their holdings of old honey before the new crop is ready for market.

As a result, the market has a slightly weaker feeling, but there has been little change in prices. Movement to Eastern points has been fair to moderate. Light Amber Alfalfa, which is probably in heavier supply than any other honey left in the State, has sold in carlots at 6½¢ per lb., f.o.b. California points. White Sage is offered in straight carlots at 10½¢ per lb. and 11¢ in less-than-carlots. Light Amber Sage is offered at 8¢ in straight cars and 8½¢ per lb. in smaller lots. A few small sales of White Orange are reported at 11-11½¢ per lb. f.o.b.

Beeswax: market dull. Supplies ample but demand light. Some selling at 22¢ cash, 25¢ in trade.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Continued cold has provided practically no flight weather, and many beekeepers fear a heavy winter loss will result from dysentery and starvation. Some ground reported bare and dry, but crop outlook generally fairly good.

Supplies more abundant than can readily be absorbed locally, and scattered carload lots are reported remaining in several sections. Inquiry only moderate to light, but demand is said to be improving slightly. Best grades of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported selling at mostly 8½¢ per lb. in carlots, with few sales at 8 1/4¢. Less-than-carlot sales moving at 9-12¢ per lb. Some beekeepers selling to nearby dealers low as 7½-8¢ per lb. Carloads of White Sweet Clover reported sold at 8-8 1/4¢ per lb. Beeswax is selling at the wide range of 20-26¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The long hard winter is expected to result in considerable loss. Future prospects fair to good. Sales much better than at corresponding period last year. Light Alfalfa and Sweet Clover selling in 5-gal. cans at 10-12½¢ per lb. Local sales of comb, Light Sweet Clover, reported at $5.60-5.00 per 24-section case.

TEXAS POINTS: Colonies are wintering well with little loss. Bees bringing in pollen and breeding freely. A little nectar also appearing. Honey plants such as guajillo, persimmon, etc., show no signs of buds as yet. Very little honey reported left in hands of beekeepers. Some small-lot sales reported of medium extracted at 10-12¢ per lb., and of lower grade stock at 8½-9¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Since the last report warm days have given opportunity for a good bee-flight. Colonies seem generally in good condition although rather heavy losses feared by some beekeepers. Crop prospects not so favorable, due to lack of snow and recent extremely warm weather followed by sudden severe freezes.

Very few sales reported. Carlots of White Clover extracted listed around 9½-10½¢ per lb. with small lot sales of 5 gal. cans at 12-15¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Recent rains followed by hard freezes unfavorable for bees in outdoor-stands. Few sales of White Clover in 5-gal. cans reported at 10-12½¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in New York had several recent good flight days, but in Northern Vermont flight weather badly needed and heavier than normal loss expected. Supplies of White Clover nearly exhausted; some Buckwheat, both comb and extracted is being held with little demand.

A few sales reported in 5-gal. cans extracted. White Clover at 11-12¢ per lb. and of Buckwheat at 7-10¢. White Clover Comb honey, 24-section cases, reported moving at $4.50-5.50, and Buckwheat at $3.00-4.00 per case.

SOUTHERN STATES: Brood-rearing normal, having advanced under recent mild weather. Sealed queen cells noted in La. on Feb. 22. Fruit trees now blooming, and outlook encouraging for a large crop of honey. Recent sales of Ga. honey have stimulated purchases of supplies in that area.

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CUBA: Cuban honey now quoted at 4 1/4¢ per lb. f.o.b. Heavy recent sales to Holland reported at 55¢ per gal. including cost and freight.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. Market reports are for February 28.

BOSTON: No arrivals reported since last report. Demand and movement continue light with prices unchanged.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Porto Rico and Cuba, sales mostly in small lots, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 14-16¢ per lb., mostly 14¢. Brokers less than carlot quotations, delivered Boston basis, per lb. California, White Sage 12-13¢, Light Amber 9-9½¢, Amber 7½-8¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report - 2,000 lbs. Ia. 1,000 lbs. Ill. 3,000 lbs. Calif. 2,000 lbs. Mich. 14,000 lbs. Ohio and 1,000 lbs. Wis. arrived. Demand and movement very slow, market barely steady.

EXTRACTED: Per lb. sales to bottlers, bakers and confectionery manufacturers- Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, White Clover 11½-12¢, Light Amber Clover 10-10½¢. Colorado, Idaho and Nevada, Alfalfa White mostly 11¢, Light Amber 9-9 3/4¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Colorado and Idaho, Alfalfa No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.00-4.50. Michigan and Ohio, Clover No. 1 mostly $5.25, some poor stock low as $3.00.

BEESWAX: Receipts have dropped off materially and are now comparatively light Market acting in sympathy and has advanced about 2¢ per lb. after slight downward reaction about first of month. Sales to wholesale druggists, harness makers and laundry supply houses - per lb. Colorado, Idaho and California, best 30-32¢, poorer 27-29¢. Chilean, about 25¢. African, very dirty 16¢.

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No arrivals reported since last report. Supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market weak. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: No supplies. No sales reported.

COMB: Colorado and Wyoming, 24-section cases No. 1 White $5.00, No. 2, $4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement slow, market weak. Sales to retailers - Western 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $5.50, few $6.00, No. 2, $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement slow, market weak. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - Western, 5-gal. cans Light Amber Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed 12-13¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic and foreign receipts limited. Supplies rather limited. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - Domestic per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, Light Amber Sage 8½-9½¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom mostly 12-13¢, few 14¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10-11¢. New York, White Clover 11-12¢. Buckwheat 7-8¢. South American, refined 65-70¢ gal.

COMB: Supplies very light. Demand limited. Market dull. 24-section cases Western, Light Amber Alfalfa fair condition $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade -South American and West Indian, crude light best 22-24¢, few 25¢, poorer low as 18¢. African, dark 14½-16¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Only a very limited demand is apparent, but the market is holding about steady. Quotations not available on honey.

BEESWAX: Supplies light. The market is steady, with a limited demand. Sales to manufacturers - per lb. African, dark 14½-15¢. Brazilian, medium light 22-23¢. Chilean, medium light 23-24¢.

ST. LOUIS: Practically no receipts during past two weeks. Stocks decreasing. Supplies generally moderate. Market steady.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers in 24-section cases - Colorado, White Alfalfa and Clover No. 1 heavy $6.25.

EXTRACTED: In 5-gal. cans, sales direct to retailers per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢. Sales to wholesalers - Southern Light Amber various mixed flavors 7½-9¢.

BEESWAX: Practically no receipts. Market practically nominal. Nearby and Southern average country run wax quoted on sales to jobbers basis at 23¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1921, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

(Conversion made on basis of 12 pounds to 1 gallon)

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Cuba	621,084	180	33,948	93,720	56,544	92,772	11,208	75,792	720	45,012	41,472	95,292	74,424
Dominican Republic	515,976	3,348	9,480	25,644	32,880	58,200	38,460	131,508	70,956	56,196	73,464		15,840
Haiti	31,812		1,920	4,464	16,452					3,456		5,520	
Jamaica	144				144								
Other British West Indies	18,312	1,440	15,000		1,152				480			240	
Guatemala	237,768	17,520		15,204			19,800	62,520	38,748	25,908	20,220	18,600	19,248
Costa Rica	5,112			1,800							612	60	2,640
Mexico	76,884	600	3,900		384	36,360	8,496		8,640	9,360		9,144	
Chile	363,132		37,224	46,224	17,652	6,492			8,232	20,436	189,384	36,888	600
Canada	47,580	1,500	396	1,056	12	24		1,224	5,160	7,440	19,644	5,964	5,160
United Kingdom	10,344	10,212				12					48	72	
Netherlands	672					660		12					
France	1,344	516									300	528	
Portugal	216			216									
Switzerland	480	240	240										
Germany	12	12											
Italy	1,164	552				60				552			
Greece	17,376	192	1,320		1,548		540				948	8,244	4,584
Palestine & Syria	432								120				312
Turkey in Europe	384	24										360	
Turkey in Asia	708			708									
Hongkong	552	36					336	180					
Australia	1,452			240		1,116		96					
French Oceania	192								192				
New Zealand	180												180
TOTAL	1,953,312	36,372	103,428	189,276	126,768	195,696	78,840	271,332	133,248	168,360	346,092	180,912	122,988

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1921.

	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Porto Rico	1,473,874	162,340	46,485	72,522	230,078	143,710	49,307	54,814	62,309	138,204	207,260	214,307	92,536
Hawaii	1,033,350	61,268	36,064	53,320	97,449	41,719	96,945	11,885	25,100	195,205	157,366	20,465	236,564
TOTALS	2,507,224	223,608	82,549	125,842	327,527	185,429	146,252	66,699	87,409	333,411	364,626	234,772	329,100

--From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce --

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EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1921 BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL POUNDS.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
United Kingdom	502,099	14,323	25				30,000	18,096	225	106,010	39,076	201,064	93,280
Sweden	720	720											
Norway	13,044	4						40			13,000		
Denmark	91,346								56,394			34,952	
Netherlands	375,990	15	103,170	600	35,040	13,020		90,280	1,890	97,955	18,120	5,280	10,620
Germany	422,665	31,743	7,071		19,498	860	53,980	26,931	51,675	108,467	75,377	47,063	
France	15,065			775	14,290								
Italy	69,860								69,860				
Canada	330,862	14,127	1,816	4,226	52,763	16,666	9,538	4,008	7,680	54,252	147,168	7,265	11,353
Newfoundland & Labrador	5,639	750		1,120		1,324	511	1,631		252		51	
Mexico	8,365	378	46	104	16	76	122	1,400	125	600		1,770	3,728
Honduras	1,632	156	56	132	193	68	77	248	158	38	54	164	288
Panama	1,144		24		48	240		24	24	24	100	600	60
Cuba	696	78	20	30	18					170		220	160
Other West Indies	747	154	36		92		15				72	200	178
Colombia	1,133					88					65	980	
Peru	1,240									600	640		
Other South American Countries	685												685
British India	6,744	48	1,152			118	240	72		816	864	930	2,504
China	9,494		96	105	408	42	1,723	420	891	788	2,690	660	1,671
Hongkong	3,108		96				90		126	142	1,421	513	720
Japan	3,871	120	12		92	240	850	732	360	180	755	120	410
Straits Settlements	2,551	103				240		336		816	696		360
Dutch East Indies	2,626					24			658	120	360		1,464
Philippine Islands	7,203	2,291	452	700		214	336	96	232	312	576	120	1,874
Canary Islands	600										600		
Other Countries	1,382	231	57	121	42		40	63	42	265	216	209	96
TOTALS	1,880,511	65,241	114,129	7,913	122,500	33,220	97,522	144,377	190,340	371,807	301,850	302,161	129,451

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HONEY NO. 92

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of March):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: A bumper honey crop is looked for, although the season may be late on account of cold weather. It will probably be about June 1 before the new crop is ready to move in volume. Beekeepers are making preparations for a heavy flow of nectar. Some plant species in Southern California have been in bloom for several weeks. Bees are active and starting to build up.

SupSupplies are light, but the demand is said to be very limited. The market is largely nominal, with few recent sales. Quotations f.o.b. California points, for eastern shipment, in less-than-carlots or pooled carlots, follow: White Orange Blossom 11¢, Light Amber Sage 8¢, Extra Light Amber Sage 8½¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 3/4-7¢. Little demand is reported for beeswax, which is selling lightly at 22¢ cash or 25¢ in trade.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The weather in the northern part of this region is giving the beekeepers considerable concern. Even where the bees have had early flights heavy losses are feared due to continued cold, where protection has not been ample. Many colonies short of stores.

Although supplies of many beekeepers are practically exhausted, scattered cars of extracted and some comb honey are reported from several shipping sections. The best grades of White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover honey in 5-gal. cans is being sold at 8-8½¢ per lb. in carlots and at 9-10¢ in less-than-carlots. Carlots of fancy and No. 1 White comb have been sold at $3.50-3.75 per 24-section case, with less-than-carlots moving at $4.00 per case. A few beekeepers are selling white extracted to nearby dealers in carlots and less at low as 7½-7 3/4¢ per lb. Inquiry still active, but many sales held up because of high freight rates to Eastern markets.

The beeswax market remains practically unchanged at 20-26¢ per lb. for average yellow.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Present indications are for a rather heavy winter loss. Supplies of honey very light. Light Alfalfa and Sweet Clover reported selling in 5-gal. cans at rather wide range in prices, 8-12½¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Severe weather early in the month killed the early bloom in many sections thus depriving bees of much-needed pollen. Hackberry is budding and prospects are bright for a good flow from mesquite. Recent rains have improved crop outlook, which long-continued drought and cold had rendered uncertain. Very little honey reported left in hands of beekeepers. Light Amber extracted sold in a small way at 8½-10¢ per lb. in 60 lb. cans. Beekeepers are receiving 20-24¢ in cash per lb. for beeswax, or slightly higher in trade.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Colonies have come through the winter so far with little loss where sufficiently protected. Honey plants in northern part of area generally well covered with snow during winter, but crop prospects are less favorable in southern section account limited snowfall.

Demand shows some improvement, but movement still rather slow. Considerable dark honey still on hand, but White Clover cleaning up fairly well.

Carlots of White Clover extracted quoted around 9½¢ per lb. at shipping point, with sales of 5-gal. cans in less-than-carlots ranging 9½-13¢, mostly around 12¢ per lb. Amber grades have sold 7½-10¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans, with some sales dark stock reported low as 5½¢. Large amounts extracted White Clover sold in Michigan direct to consumers at 25¢ per lb. in 10-lb. pails and at 22½¢ per lb. in 5-lb. tins.

PLAINS AREA: Bees in outdoor stands had good flight days early in the month. Crop prospects not favorable due to lack of moisture during the winter and reduction in Alfalfa acreage. Honey is largely out of producers' hands. A little White Clover extracted in 60-lb. cans brought 12-12½¢ per lb. Beeswax was sold at 25-26¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are generally reported to have come through so far with very little loss. Cellared bees are said not to have wintered as well as colonies well-protected in outside locations, and are showing more signs of dysentery. The outlook for the new crop is good as clover fields in most sections have been covered with snow.

Buckwheat has been selling in carloads in 160-lb. kegs and 60-lb. cans at 7¢ per lb. and at 8-9¢ per lb. in less-than-carlots. Small lot sales of White Clover in 60-lb. cans reported at 10½-13¢ per lb.

SOUTHERN STATES: Unusually cold weather has checked the brood rearing and nectar secretion. Bees said to be more dormant than for any season in 10 years. Shipments of package bees will therefore be later than usual. Much extracted honey still on hand in Alabama and Georgia.

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WEST INDIES: Prices in Cuba have advanced to 4 3/4¢ per lb. f.o.b. Quotations delivered to Holland have been received at 57¢ per gal. including cost and freight. Reports have been received that a considerable quantity of Porto Rican as well as South American honey has gone to foreign markets, notably Holland, at prices higher than the shippers can realize in the United States.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTED FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Since last report 40 half-barrels and 30 barrels Cuba and 30 barrels Porto Rico via New York City, and approximately 250 cases Calif. arrived. Demand and movement slightly improved for extracted honey. Market steady for West Indian stock, slightly weaker for California. Light demand for comb.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Porto Rican and Cuban, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 13-14½¢ per lb. Brokers quotations in either straight or pooled cars, delivered Boston basis, per lb. California, White Sage 12¢, Light Amber 8-9¢, Amber 7-7½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Mont., 1 car Wyo., 500 lbs. Ill., 1000 lbs. Ia. and 2,000 lbs. Wis. arrived. Demand and movement very slow, market weak, prices have changed but slightly during past two weeks.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., sales to bottlers, bakers and candy manufacturers- Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, Alfalfa White 10-11¢, Light Amber 9-9 3/4¢, Dark Amber mostly 8¢. Michigan and Wisconsin, white Clover 11-12¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Colorado and Montana, 24-section cases best Clover and Alfalfa $4.75-5.00, poorer low as $3.50.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts liberal, domestic receipts light. Demand and movement moderate, market about steady. Sales to wholesale druggists, shoe manufacturers and harness makers- Per lb., Colorado and California, best 30-31¢, poorer 24-26¢. South American, best 22-24¢, dirty low as 15¢.

CINCINNATI: Since last report 1 car Ind. arrived. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market weak.

EXTRACTED: No supplies.

COMB: Sales to jobbers- Colorado and Wyoming, 24-section cases No. 1 White $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.25-4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement slow, market steady. Sales to retailers- Western, 24-section cases Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $5.50, few $6.00, No. 2, $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement slow, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- Western, 5-gal. cans Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed Light Amber 12½¢, White 14¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts limited, foreign receipts moderate. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, movement limited, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- Domestic, per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa mostly 7¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom 12-14¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. New York White Clover mostly 10-11¢, Buckwheat 7-8¢. South American, refined, best 65-68¢, poorer low as 60¢ per gal.

COMB: Too few sales to quote.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Supplies rather limited. Demand moderate, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South American and West Indian, crude light best 21-23¢, few 24¢, poorer low as 18¢, dark 14-15¢. African, dark mostly 15-16¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts light. Supplies limited, but sufficient to meet all demands. Demand continues limited and market very dull for bulk stock, although a little better feeling is reported for bottled goods.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bakers- Florida, Light Amber various flavors 70¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Supplies continue light and the market is slightly higher on some grades. Sales to manufacturers- crude, per lb., African, dark 14½-15¢. South American, light yellow 24-25¢.

ST. LOUIS: Very light receipts reported during past two weeks. Supplies generally moderate. Demand and movement fairly good, market steady, prices practically unchanged.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers in 24-section cases- Colorado, White Alfalfa and Clover No. 1 heavy $6.25. Sales direct to retailers in small lots- Colorado, White Alfalfa and Clover No. 1 heavy $6.75.

EXTRACTED: Small lot sales in 5-gal. cans direct to retailers- per lb., California Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢. Southern Light Amber various mixed flavors 10¢.

BEESWAX: Market remains nominal and unchanged. Nearby and Southern, average VS country run wax quoted on sales to jobbers basis at 23¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1921, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED.	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Portugal	855,759		53,458	112,213	4,588		8,127		112,898	163,246	95,413	158,704	145,1[illegible]
Spain	2,460	2,460											
France	59,990					1,192	9,643		10,488	23,156	9,925	5,586	
Belgium	32,197	6,765	23,057								2,375		
Netherlands	140,588	11,005	12,401		11,963	11,622	4,466	47,655	5,747	12,000	4,795	14,303	4,63[illegible]
Germany	49,763	1,102	6,014	715	4,409	4,470	2,240	8,205			2,200	12,300	7,5[illegible]
England	190,063		4,844	42,005	11,200	17,235	39,795	12,600		59,496		2,869	2
Canada	49,526	8,452	4,707	240	3,753	1,023	6,294	500	23,213	500	140	500	20
Mexico	5,409		1,689			1,533			1,982		205		
Cuba	97,706	8,245	1,157	18,869		3,210	13,226	16,211		2,211	539	25,162	8,87[illegible]
Dominician Republic	35,429	662		7,956	2,406		7,034	441	180	1,745	8,818	942	5,24[illegible]
Other West Indies	2,385			85							311	894	1,09[illegible]
Brazil	463,545	11,570	66,160	45,232	40,006	5,570	3,268	40,263	42,181	136,689	43,63[illegible]	4,455	24,45[illegible]
Chile	451,388	10,221	940	33,494	4,546	57,509	90,625	11,713	84,612	101,286	36,471	8,425	11,55[illegible]
Argentina	17,400						17,400						
Aden	24,679		1,811					154				22,674	
China	1,504										1,504		
French Africa	12,705								12,705				
Other Countries	211	20	75	1			115						
TOTALS	2,492,707	60,502	178,953	260,870	82,871	103,364	202,233	137,742	294,006	500,329	206,329	256,809	208,6[illegible]

In addition to the above, shipments of Beeswax to the U. S. from Porto Rico amounted to 21,220 lbs. during 1921, and from Hawaii 17,248 lbs.

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE U.S. DURING CALENDAR YEAR1921, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATIONS.

	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Canada	65,810	38,091	1,172	3,282	2,279	5,723	4,603	1,519	2,857	1,552	2,089	1,706	93
Mexico	22,577	200	50	30	390	108	6,034	1,178	1,264	4,543	5,010	2,770	1,00[illegible]
Panama	796	105		590			101						
China	735									200			53
Japan	1,216		1,000							216			
Australia	2,960		238		500	360						1,802	
Other Countries	3,671	217	596	70	525	201	71	125	660		367	311	52
TOTALS	97,765	38,613	3,056	3,972	3,694	6,392	10,809	2,822	4,781	6,511	7,466	6,619	3,0[illegible]

NOTE:- A considerable part of the beeswax imports listed from Eureopean countries is thought to have come originally from Africa.
Beeswax exports probably include comb foundations.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1922.

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Lbs.*	Value dollars
Greece	252	31
Italy	180	18
Canada	1,428	230
Mexico	60	6
British West Indies	12,000	800
Cuba	65,184	2,801
Haiti	3,252	112
Chile	8,604	488
Palestine and Syria	444	21
TOTAL	91,404	4,507

* Note: Conversions from gallons made on basis 1 gal. honey = 12 lbs.

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE U. S. FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII.
During January, 1922.

Countries	Quantity Lbs.	Value dollars
Porto Rico	55,239	2,057
Hawaii	137,963	7,266

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY 1922.

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
Denmark	10,500	1,097
France	29,586	2,071
Netherlands	15,885	1,588
England	90,250	9,960
Bermuda	24	4
Canada	2,197	294
Honduras	20	3
Mexico	122	41
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,452	179
China	1,425	419
British India	457	145
Straits Settlements	120	53
Hongkong	438	108
Japan	164	53
Philippine Islands	994	384
French Indo-China	72	21
TOTAL	153,687	16,420

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY 1922.

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
Germany	15,328	1,793
Netherlands	9,929	3,217
Portugal	156,747	18,872
England	6,720	1,356
Cuba	17,642	3,334
Dominican Republic	1,131	114
Argentina	955	196
Brazil	5,720	1,219
Chile	6,568	1,288
Aden	12,194	1,570
TOTAL	232,934	32,959

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY 1922.

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity lbs.	Value dollars
England	659	177
Canada	436	191
Panama	5	2
Mexico	98	38
Colombia	264	127
China	240	99
Japan	18	2
Australia	300	60
TOTAL	2,020	696

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HONEY NO. 93

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of March):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Continued heavy rains have practically assured a heavy crop of honey, although there is some uncertainty as to how large the orange blossom yield will be. Sage outlook is especially promising. Both Northern and Southern California report colonies in normal condition.

Supplies of best white honey reported as very limited, but supplies of lower grades said to be still fairly abundant. Movement very light during recent weeks. Demand limited, and market largely nominal. Few sales in carload lots reported at 11¢ for White Sage and White Orange, and 8½¢ for Light Amber, f.o.b. California points.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Bees generally removed from cellars. Colonies properly packed are reported to have wintered fairly well; but in unprotected apiaries the losses from the severe winter will be very heavy,- estimates running up to 50% or more in many sections. These heavy losses are expected to lessen the volume of new crop production. Recent rains have somewhat improved the condition of honey plants in the northern part of the area, which the cold, late spring had rendered uncertain, and in Arizona mesquite prospects are said to be good. Bees are already breeding strongly in the latter state, and have stored some honey.

The extracted honey situation shows signs of improvement; few carload lots remaining in beekeepers' hands. Little interest reported shown in carlots of comb honey, and several cars of comb remain to be disposed of in scattered localities.

Most carlots of White Alfalfa-Sweet Clover have been sold at 8½¢ per lb., with occasional sales low as 8 1/8¢. Small lot sales up to 10¢ per lb. Carlot sales of Water White Sweet Clover reported at 8-8 1/10¢ per lb., f.o.b. A few beekeepers selling white extracted to nearby dealers in large lots as low as 7½-7 3/4¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies show heavy winter loss due to continued cold weather and spray poisoning. It has been unofficially estimated that 25% of the stands of bees in the State of Washington were killed by spray last season, reducing the production of honey by over one million pounds. Several cars of honey still in beekeepers' hands.

TEXAS POINTS: Prospects for a honey flow are better than they were two weeks ago, but the crop will be later than usual. Owing to cold, windy weather, nectar-bearing plants are just beginning to bloom. Cold weather holding back nectar-formation. It is reported that drought will dwarf the flow in southwest Texas from mesquite and juahilla, two important nectar sources. Wild persimmon is just about to bloom.

Honey mostly out of hands of beekeepers. Nominal quotations, good extracted stock, 8-8½¢ per lb., few high as 10¢.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Bees said to be wintering unusually well to date. They have had many flights recently. Prospects are for early breeding, and bees are reported bringing in pollen already. There is danger of starvation later on, unless looked after carefully.

Extracted White Clover largely cleaned up. Small lot sales reported at mostly 12-15¢ per lb., with large lots around 10½¢. Small lots Light Amber and Amber reported at 8-12¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Most bees out of cellars by this time. Colonies which have been wintered in outdoor packing cases have enjoyed frequent good flights recently and should come through the spring period in good shape, if spring feeding is done where necessary to prevent starvation. Pollen and some honey is already available from maples and elms.

Poor clover prospects, as ground was bare all winter in many areas. Small-lot sales reported of White Clover extracted at 10-12½¢ per lb., few 14½¢.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees reported coming out of winter in generally good condition. But they have consumed so many stores that feeding will have to be resorted to with many hives, especially as prospects are for a late spring. Winter losses not large. Some colonies bringing in pollen from the maples already.

White extracted of 1921 crop is largely cleaned up, but some Buckwheat honey may be carried over. White Clover is nominally quoted at 10-12¢ per lb. for 5-gal. cans extracted and $4.50-5.50 per 24-section cases comb. Buckwheat extracted moving freely at 6-7¢, some high as 9½¢ per lb., or around $5.00 per 24-section case.

CUBA: Heavy shipments to Holland continue, at around 57¢ per gal. delivered, including cost and freight. Quotations of 4½¢ per lb., f.o.b. shipping points, received. Beeswax quoted at 21¢ per lb., f.o.b.

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COASTAL REGION: Severe cold early in the month gave serious check to brood-rearing and will make shipments of package bees later than usual. Season will be several weeks late, it is feared. Orange flow cut over in Florida. Excessive rains in Louisiana have filled swamps with water, retarding Tupelo blooming.

Most honey is expected to be sold before new crop is off. Prices extracted honey in cans and barrels reported of 7-10¢ per lb. Beekeepers selling White Sweet Clover extracted at 8½¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Since last report 60 half-barrels and 30 barrels imported Cuba and 20 barrels Porto Rico via New York arrived. Light demand and movement for both comb and extracted, prices practically unchanged.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.00-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Porto Rican and Cuban, Amber 60-65¢ per gal. California, White Sage mostly 13½-14¢ per lb., small lots high as 16¢. Brokers carlot quotations, delivered Boston basis, per lb.- California, White Sage 12¢, Light Amber 8-9¢, Amber 7-7½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 7,000 lbs. Ill., 2,000 lbs. Tex., 2,000 lbs. Wis., 2,000 lbs. Ia., 1,000 lbs. Mich., 3,000 lbs. Calif. and 1 car Wyo, arrived. Demand and movement very slow, market weak although supplies apparently not very heavy.

EXTRACTED: per lb. Sales to bottlers, bakers and candy manufacturers- Wyoming and Idaho, Alfalfa and mixed Alfalfa and Sweet Clover best white 10½-11¢, some pretty good low as 10¢, mixed Mountain flowers Light Amber 9-9½. Wisconsin, Basswood and mixed Basswood and Clover, 10½-11½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming, mixed Clover and Alfalfa best No. 1, $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $3.50-4.50. Iowa, Sweet Clover best white $4.75.

BEESWAX: Receipts comparatively light. Market steady to firm. Sales to laundry supply houses, ship supply houses and wholesale druggists - Idaho, Montana and California, best 27-31¢, poorer around 24¢. South American, best 23-24¢ per lb.

CINCINNATI: Since last report 1 car Wis. and 2 cars Wyo. arrived. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies light. Demand and movement moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: No supplies.

COMB: Colorado and Wyoming, 24-section cases light No. 1, $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies liberal. Demand and movement light, market weak. Sales to retailers- Western, 24-section cases Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- Western, in 5-gal. cans Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed Light Amber 12¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts light, foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- Domestic, per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, mostly 7¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, White Sage 11½-12¢, White Orange Blossom 13-14¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. New York, White Clover 11-12¢, Buckwheat 7-8¢, few 9¢. South American, refined 60-65¢ per gal., few high as 70¢, poorer low as 55¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies very light. Demand moderate, market steady. New York, 24-section cases Buckwheat, few sales, $5.00.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market slightly stronger. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South American and west Indian, light 24-26¢, mostly 26¢ few high as 28¢. African, dark best 17-18¢, few high as 20¢, poorer low as 16¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No receipts reported except a few small lots of nearby stock. Dealers report practically no inquiry and no sales.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts are very light. Demand shows some improvement and the market is firmer on most grades. Sales to manufacturers- per lb., South American, light 25¢. African, dark 17-18¢.

ST. LOUIS: One car Northwestern comb arrived sonce last report. Other receipts comb and extracted very light. Supplies of comb liberal, Western extracted moderate, and Southern stock cleaning up. Demand and movement light, market steady, little change in prices.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers in 24-section cases- Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa mixed No. 1 heavy mostly around $6.00. Sales direct to retailers in small lots- Northwestern, White Clover No. 1 heavy $6.00-6.25, No. 2, $5.50-5.75.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers in 5-gal. cans, per lb.- California, Light Amber Alfalfa mostly around 9¢.

BEESWAX: Practically no demand or movement. Ungraded average country run was quoted nominally 23¢ per lb. to jobbers.

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IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY, 1922.
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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY 1922.

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Lbs.*	Value dollars
Greece	624	53
Canada	3.252	425
Costa Rica	60	6
Guatemala	5,656	567
Honduras	5,000	208
Cuba	256,080	9,672
Dominican Republic	3,660	167
TOTAL	272,332	11,098

* Note: Conversions from gallons made on basis of 1 gal. honey = 12 lbs.

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE U.S. FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII
During February, 1922.

Countries	Quantity Lbs.
Porto Rico	118,372
Hawaii	20,201

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX TO THE UNITED STATES FROM HAWAII
During February, 1922.

Countries	Quantity Lbs.
Hawaii	1,955

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY 1922.

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Lbs.	Value Dollars
Germany	1,547	86
United Kingdom	74,390	9,008
Canada	59,575	7,946
Honduras	314	86
Mexico	98	10
British West Indies	103	9
Cuba	50	11
British India	720	289
China	672	196
French Indo-China	48	14
Hongkong	216	63
Philippine Islands	240	90
Siam	48	20
French Oceania	25	10
TOTAL	138,046	17,838

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY 1922.

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Lbs.	Value dollars
France	4,910	1,410
Germany	57,646	11,174
Netherlands	4,400	1,758
Portugal	123,868	15,184
England	6,401	1,475
Canada	300	141
Mexico	2,200	392
Cuba	37,456	7,120
Dominican Republic	476	48
Brazil	7,120	1,584
Chile	14,450	2,746
TOTAL	259,227	43,032

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY 1922.

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Lbs.	Value dollars
Canada	6,342	1,813
Mexico	1,850	645
Cuba	318	127
Virgin Islands of U.S.	100	15
Colombia	405	68
TOTAL	9,015	2,668

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MARKET FOR AMERICAN HONEY IN AUSTRIA.

By Wm. Ford Upson, Trade Commissioner, Vienna, Austria.
December 20, 1921.

The question whether American beekeepers can sell their honey in Austria at the present time would seem to depend mostly on whether it is possible for them to deliver it at a price within the reach of Austrian dealers, considering the depreciation of the Austrian currency. Honey is very popular in Austria and the country itself cannot produce enough to supply the demand. Artificial honey factories have recently been established in Vienna but the public greatly prefers the natural article when it can be obtained. Favorite flavors are acacia and linden. The natural honey is used almost entirely in its raw state as a sweet to be eaten with bread and butter. Confectioners now use chiefly artificial honey.

The preference is for strained honey of a dark color, packed in glass jars. The most common sizes are 1 kilogram, 1/2 kilogram, and 1/4 kilogram, or about 1 quart, 1 pint, and 1/2 pint. The present retail price is about 1200 to 1800 crowns per kilogram, or about twenty to thirty cents at the prevailing rate of exchange. With the constant changes in this rate it is hard to make predictions but the price in American money will probably remain about the same.

Large amounts of American honey were imported by Austria before the war but it was considered inferior to the Hungarian in flavor and fineness. Some 43,000 kilograms (94,798 lbs.) of American honey were imported in 1920.

There is no import duty on honey in Austria, and it will undoubtedly be possible for Americans to do a good business here provided they are able to meet requirements as to quality and price. It should be noted that in addition to its importance as a consumer Vienna does a large business as an intermediate station in trade with the Succession States (Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia) and the Balkans.

The following details are taken from an article in the Handelsmuseum, Vienna, November 17, 1921:

Before the war Vienna was a central point for the honey and wax business in Austria-Hungary. Large quantities of the finest strained honey were brought from Hungary and the Hungarian honey was and is considered as an especial delicacy. Smaller lots of honey and wax were brought to Vienna from East Galicia. This Galician honey was not considered so good; it is impure and sharp, and for this reason it is more used in cake baking, cooking, and as an ingredient of other foods.

The importance of Vienna as a market for honey and wax was not limited to the boundaries of Austria-Hungary. For example large quantities of these products were brought from Podolia by way of Tarnopolis. The Vienna merchants also had a great many connections with countries beyond the seas and honey was imported to or through Vienna from Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Jamaica, San Domingo, and California. Important wax producing regions are Chile, the Antilles,, Egypt(for socalled Belasi wax), Morocco and the rest of Africa.

The honey and wax business grew to such large proportions in the second half of the 19th century that the Vienna exchange found itself obliged to issue special regulations for the trade in honey. These regulations which went into effect on January 1, 1862, will be furnished on request.

Before the war, in the 20th century, Austria-Hungary ranked third as a European honey producing territory from a quantitative point of view. Germany came first and Spain second. Lower Austria itself produced in the years preceding the war the following amounts of honey and wax: in 1911, a good year, 465,898 kilograms honey (1,027,118 lbs.) and 64,662 kilograms wax (142,565 lbs.); in 1913 218,033 kilograms honey (480,675 lbs.) and 44,119 kilograms wax (97,264 lbs.). Austrian honey was even exported from Vienna to France.

The important position of Vienna as the chief seat and market in the honey and wax trade has remained unchanged since the downfall of Austria-Hungary, but the field of its activities has naturally been limited. Immediately after the war Vienna supplied with honey and wax only the territories belonging to Germany-Austria. Gradually however the field of its activities extended itself without regard to the artificial boundaries established by the treaty of St. Germain. The Vienna merchants have renewed their old connections so that the trade in honey and wax is becoming ever brisker in spite of the troublesome boundaries. Many expedients are found to get around the difficulties. For example a large Vienna firm which did a great deal of foreign business in these lines even during the war, buys honey in Czechoslovakia and sells it again in the same country as the export of honey is there prohibited. The Vienna merchants have also resumed their former relations with the countries beyond the sea, and occasionally do business there as well.

Imports of honey by the Republic of Austria in 1920, amounted to 1,603,700 kg.(3,545,517 lbs.) of which 1,502,300 kg.(3,311,970 lbs.) came from Czechoslovakia, 43,000 kg. (94,797 Lbs.) from the United States. The raw wax imported amounted to 19,000 kg. (41,887 Lbs.) of which 8600 kg. (18,959 lbs.) came from Germany. Exports in 1920 were as follows: Honey 41,000 kg.(90,388 lbs.) of which 30,900 kg. (68,122 lbs.) went to Poland.

These data lead to the conclusion that Vienna will within a relatively short time resume its old importance in the international trade in honey and wax, although the Vienna merchants have to meet new difficulties, chief among which are the capricious variations in the rate of foreign exchange. Names of leading honey dealers in Vienna can be furnished on request.

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HONEY NO. 94

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of April):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Outlook continues favorable for a heavy honey flow, if weather conditions are normal. It is said that the orange blossom flow will be so late as almost to coincide with that of the sage bloom.

Supplies of white honey are practically cleaned up, but lower grades are more plentiful. The few recent sales have been at about the same prices as prevailed two weeks ago.

Lack of export demand for amber honeys is depressing to prices. As sirups and sugars are now down in price, honey sold in competition with these sweets must conform to their levels.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Honey plants reported two weeks late but otherwise promising. Stores are said to be very light, with many colonies being fed.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: In the northern part of this region, the spring has been cold and backward. Heavy winter losses in unprotected apiaries continue to be reported, reaching as high as 70% in some sections. Hives properly protected have come through fairly well. Some pollen has been gathered and brood-rearing which is badly needed, has started in the strongest colonies. Stores are accordingly being rapidly used up.

Stocks of extracted honey continue to move fairly readily, and extracted honey will probably be nearly cleaned up before the new crop is ready. Considerable comb may be carried over, as little interest is observable in this class of goods.

Carlot sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa range 8-8½¢ per lb., f.o.b., with less-than-carlot sales in 5-gal. cans up to 12¢ per lb. The price of comb is lower; carloads of fancy and No. 1 White reported selling at $3.00-3.50, few $4.00 per 24-section case.

In Arizona, colonies are breeding up strongly. Prospects are good in this section for a heavy mesquite flow, and several localities report the flow already on.

TEXAS POINTS: Bees are building up and many colonies are said to be preparing to swarm. Mesquite in southwest Texas appears spotty. Some sections report plants heavy with buds; others that blossoms will be light. Other honey plants said to be coming on well. Crop outlook generally more favorable due to recent rains, which in some areas have totaled 10 inches since last report. Present nectar flow only enough for use in the hives. Practically no sales reported.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Colonies are reported in good condition and are said to have come through unusually well. Bees are rather short of stores, however, and many colonies will need to be fed.

Prospects bright for coming season. Clover has been helped by recent heavy rains and is showing up well. Supplies becoming exhausted. Few sales White Clover in 5-gal. cans reported in less-than-carlots at 11½-14¢ per lb., with few large lot quotations during past month of 10-11¢ per lb. Trade in bee supplies in Michigan said to exceed that of most recent years for March and early April. Small lot sales White Clover comb reported at $4.50 per case.

PLAINS AREA: Some colonies reported to have suffered heavy losses due to lack of stores; others came through fairly well. Many colonies requiring spring feeding to prevent starvation. Sweet clover prospects good if season favorable, but white clover outlook not good due to lack of snow during winter over much of area. Recent heavy fall of snow and rain will help. Supplies almost exhausted. Few sales 5-gal. cans white extracted reported 10-13½¢ for small lots.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION: The spring flow is now on, but little surplus stored to date, as colony condition generally below normal. Most colonies are living on what they gather. High water in Louisiana swamps should prolong spring flow at least two weeks in that state, while Georgia reports that rain is needed.

Florida has a small crop of Orange Blossom honey. Saw palmetto is blooming in that state, but due to extremely dry weather is yielding little honey. It is also said to be too dry for gallberry nectar. Heavy winds said to be reducing amount of bloom in Florida.

Demand has increased recently in some sections. Few sales Tupelo extracted reported from Georgia in barrels at 10¢ per lb.

Package bee shippers are beginning to get out a few early orders, but are later than usual with the bulk of their orders.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Fruit trees are far ahead of normal, and plenty of pollen is also available from maples. Brood rearing is advancing rapidly. Clover and other plants generally promise well.

Bees are said to have wintered the best in years with only light losses thus far. Some colonies sufficiently supplied with stores, but many others must be fed liberally or heavy loss will result. Very few sales, as supplies practically exhausted.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: 40 half-barrels and 30 barrels arrived by boat from Cuba since last report. Light demand and movement for both comb and extracted. California, White Sage firm, other flavors steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1, White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases No. 1, White Clover carton stock $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Cuba and Porto Rico, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 13½-16¢ per lb. Brokers carlot quotations, delivered Boston basis, per lb.- California, Light Amber 8-9¢, Amber 7-7½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 2400 lbs. Ia., 500 lb. Ill., 1000 lbs. Tex., 2000 lbs. Wis., 400 lbs. Minn., 1500 lbs. Calif. and 1 car Wyo. arrived. Demand and movement unusually slow, some dealers doing practically nothing. Low prices of sugar syrups given as main reason for slow movement. Prices remain about the same.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, candy manufacturers and bakers- per lb. Arizona, Idaho and Montana, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover white 10½-11¢, Light Amber 9-9½¢. Minnesota and Wisconsin, mixed White Basswood and Clover 11-11 3/4¢, occasional small sales 12½¢. California, mixed Mountain flowers white 11¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Iowa, Clover No. 1, $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $3.00-4.00. Idaho and Montana, Alfalfa No. 1, $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market has been generally steady for past 2 weeks but just at present is a trifle easier. Sales to wholesale druggists, laundry supply houses and harness makers- per lb. California, Arizona, Idaho and Montana, best light 26-29¢, dark 23-25¢. South and Central American, light 21-25¢, dark 15-17¢

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: No supplies, no sales reported.

COMB: Colorado and Wyoming, 24-section cases, No. 1, light weight $4.25, No. 2, $3.75.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement slow, market dull. Sales to retailers- Western, 24-section cases Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. cans. Western, Light Amber Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12¢ per lb. Minnesota, White Clover 15¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts light, foreign receipts limited. Supplies rather light. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- Domestic, per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8½¢, Light Amber Sage, 9-10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom 12-13¢, few 14¢. Intermountain Region, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. New York, White Clover 11-12¢, Buckwheat 7-8¢. South American, refined best 65-70¢ per gal, poorer low as 60¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand fair, market firm. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers, and drug trade - per lb. South American and West Indian, light best 25-27¢, few high as 30¢, poorer low as 23¢, dark 18-20¢. African, dark mostly 19-20¢, few 21¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Practically no receipts. Supplies generally very light. There seems to be no demand or movement for bulk stock but bottled goods are reported meeting a fair demand and prices holding firm. BEESWAX: Supplies light. Market again slightly stronger. Sales to manufacturers-per lb. South American light 25½¢. African, dark 17½-18½¢.

ST. LOUIS: Demand reported light, movement slow, market quiet. COMB: Sales to retailers in small lots of 24-section cases - Colorado and Northwestern, White Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, heavy $5.50-6.00. EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa mostly around 9¢, Southern, Light Amber, various mixed flavors, few sales 9¢. BEESWAX: Ungraded average country run wax quoted nominally at 25¢ per lb. to jobbers.

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HONEY NO. 95

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of April):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Winter loss for the state as a whole is estimated at 5-10 %, largely resulting from the severe freeze early in the spring, which injured brood as well as bees. Prospects continue favorable for a good crop of honey, with normal weather conditions. The new crop is being delayed by the late spring.

Few large sales have been made during the past two weeks, as supplies are said to be limited to scattered holdings. In addition to selling practically all of the 1921 crop, a large holdover from the 1920 crop has been disposed of. Rather extensive exporting during recent months has accounted for part of the movement.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Maple bloom is reported to be one month late, and fruit bloom two weeks late. Bees very light in stores and many colonies being fed.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The weather continued cold in the higher altitudes until the past few days, and early April saw heavy falls of snow. The winter loss for the entire territory probably did not average above 5-10%, but many beekeepers, especially in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, suffered losses of between 30 and 70%.

Fruit bloom and dandelion can shortly be expected to be of material assistance in brood rearing, which is badly needed, as bees are in backward condition. Late rains have improved the condition of honey plants.

Carlot quantities of extracted honey are practically all sold, and some carlot orders are reported to have been turned down because of lack of supply. Comb honey does not seem to be in demand, although the price has been cut during the past month. Some comb honey that is carried over will be granulated.

Carlot sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa to outside points have generally been at 8½¢ per lb., with 8½-10¢ received for less than carlot transactions. Sales of comb have not been numerous. Some sales of 24-section cases White honey reported of $4.00 for No. 1 and fancy, few fancy $5.00, and $3.50 for No. 2. Occasional sales lower.

TEXAS POINTS: Little winter loss reported, but condition of colonies shows considerable variation between strong and weak. Due to the warm winter more honey was consumed than usual, and as a result of the late spring, bees have only been storing a surplus for two or three weeks. Soap brush, catsclaw, guajilla, mesquite and other plants are furnishing some nectar. Recent rains have been helpful to plant growth.

Local demand light, and cheap sirups are being bought instead of honey. Carlot sales of Light Amber reported at 6½¢ per lb., f.o.b. shipping point.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Outlook good except that the cool, frosty nights are not favorable for brood rearing. Some colonies short on stores. The clover crop is expected to be good.

Supplies very light and the market ought to be in good condition for the 1922 crop. Few sales of White Clover reported in 60-lb. cans at 11½¢ per lb., f.o.b. Demand for honey rather slow, and sales of maple sirup in northern part of area are said to be curtailing those of honey.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Winter losses light; the highest figure reported being 10%, but spring losses may follow the cold spell of the last few weeks. Recent cold weather, accompanied by snow storms and high winds, gave a severe setback to brood rearing. Pollen gathering limited for the same reason, and honey plants backward. Some early fruit bloom ruined by freezing weather.

Honey fairly well cleaned up. In small lot sales beekeepers have been receiving 10-14¢ per lb. for White Clover in 60-lb. cans, and 6-10¢ per lb. for Buckwheat.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Crop outlook considerably below normal. Drought and excessive high winds are said to have caused blooms to dry up and fall off, secreting little nectar. Spring flow in Louisiana about over.

Few sales reported. Barrels of White Tupelo in Georgia said to be selling at 10¢ per lb. in less-than-carlots, and small containers of Amber Sweet Clover in Alabama reported moving to grocers and hotels at the same figure.

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WEST INDIES: Honey crop said to be much lighter than last year in Porto Rico, but good in Cuba.

Heavy shipments extracted continue to Holland from Cuba at 56¢ per gal., including cost and freight. The f.o.b. price is 4¢ per lb. Beeswax is reported selling at 20¢ per lb., f.o.b.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Equivalent of 1 car by boat from Cuba arrived since last report. Comb honey in light supply with very limited demand, prices practically unchanged. Moderate demand for extracted, with California White Sage firmly held and other kinds steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases No. 1 White Clover carton stock $6.50-7.00, few fancy $7.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Cuban, amber per gal. 80-85¢. California, per lb., White Sage 14-16¢. Brokers carlot quotations, delivered Boston basis- per lb., California, White Sage, none offered, Light Amber 6¢, Amber 7¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 8,500 lbs. Mich., 700 lbs. Ohio, 1,200 lbs. Colo., 1 car Wyo. and 1 car Mont. arrived. Supplies on hand apparently heavier than usual for this time of year.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement very slow, prices inclined slightly to lower levels. Sales to bottlers, confectioners and bakers- Per lb., Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, mixed Clover and Alfalfa White 10-10½¢, Light Amber 8½-9½¢. Wisconsin and Michigan, Clover and mixed Clover and Basswood White 10½-11¢, Light Amber mostly 9¢.

COMB: Movement slow, with practically no demand for inferior stock. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Montana and Wyoming, mixed Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $4.25-5.00, mostly around $4.50. Michigan and Minnesota, Clover $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Receipts somewhat below normal. Market after a week or more of dullness has strengthened slightly, particularly on domestic stock. Sales to wholesale druggists, harness makers and laundry supply houses- Colorado, California, Montana and Missouri, light 29-31¢, dark 26-28¢. African, only fair quality, mostly dark, 20-21¢. Few sales South American light 20-25¢.

CINCINNATI: Since last report 1 car Colo. arrived. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: 1 car Idaho and 1 car Utah arrived since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: No supplies.

COMB: Idaho and Utah, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 light weight $4.25, No. 2, $3.75.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand and movement slow, market weak. Sales to retailers- Western, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $5.00, few $5.50, No. 2, $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand and movement slow, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- in 5-gal. cans- Western, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed, Light Amber 12¢ per lb. Minnesota, White Clover 15¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts light, foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- Domestic, per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-8½¢, extra Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom 12-13¢, White Sweet Clover mostly 11¢. New York, White Clover 10½-12¢, Buckwheat mostly 7¢. South American, refined 65-70¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South American and West Indian, crude light best 25-29¢, dark 18-19¢. African, dark 19-20¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Supplies light with very little movement and no sales reported.

BEESWAX: Supplies light. Demand improving and market reported higher on some lines. Sales to manufacturers- Per lb., African, dark 19-20¢. South American, light 25½¢.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts of comb or extracted reported during past two weeks. Demand and movement reported light.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- 24-section cases Colorado and Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 medium $5.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- per lb., in 5-gal. cans- California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢.

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EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	Lbs.	dollars
Denmark	20	10
France	23,266	1,960
Germany	24	7
Netherlands	78,985	6,010
Sweden	840	80
Switzerland	140	12
England	100,239	10,263
Canada	19,684	2,613
British Honduras	25	3
Honduras	105	15
Panama	600	84
Barbados	120	36
Other Br. West Indies	60	6
Dutch Guiana	120	27
British India	96	30
Ceylon	132	76
Straits Settlements	44	18
China	3,066	907
Far Eastern Republic	140	35
Hongkong	235	71
Philippine Islands	1,060	349
TOTAL	229,061	22,652

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	gallons.	dollars
England	2	7
Canada	451	695
Guatemala	1,883	2,362
Honduras	1,100	661
Mexico	10	11
Cuba	26,665	13,105
Chile	96	100
Hongkong	5	6
TOTAL	30,412	16,955

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE U. S. FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII During March, 1922.

Countries	Quantity Lbs.	Value Dollars
Porto Rico	42,214	2,534
Hawaii	35,734	1,800

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	lbs.	dollars
France	3,500	726
Germany	108,410	4,787
Netherlands	11,814	3,604
Portugal	26,647	4,281
England	224	29
Canada	292	157
Cuba	110,352	20,037
Dominican Republic	893	136
Brazil	37,746	9,631
Chile	2,302	633
TOTAL	302,780	44,041

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	lbs.	dollars
United Kingdom	3,419	1,666
Canada	9,567	2,824
Panama	110	46
Mexico	3,444	735
Newfoundland and Labrador	200	100
Argentina	2,268	540
British East Indies	30	11
China	240	100
TOTAL	19,278	6,022

THE HONEY SITUATION IN GERMANY.

By C. E. Herring, American Commercial Attache,
Berlin, Germany, March 22, 1922.

The importation of honey into Germany is at present largely restricted, due to the low purchasing power of the German mark. This can readily be seen by comparing pre-war importations with those for the past year. In 1913, the imports of honey into Germany totalled 44,740 metric hundredweight, (9,863,000 lb.) valued at 2,543,000 gold marks, ($605,743) against 9,529 metric hundredweight (2,100,000lb) during the last eight months of 1921. Germany's foreign trade statistics are not available for the first four months of 1921. Hence it can be estimated that the imports of honey for 1921 were about one third of the amount brought in before the War. Of the amount imported during the last eight months of 1921, 3,765 metric hundredweight (830,000 lb.) came from Chili, as against 999 metric hundredweight (220,000 lb.) from the United States. Other important sources of supply are Cuba, Mexico, Jamaica and Haiti. The apiaries in Germany are not numerous and are not operated on a large commercial basis as in the United States. Hence the amount of honey produced locally is not of great significance and is by no means adequate for domestic consumption.

In 1913, the wholesale price of imported honey varied from 90 pfennigs to 1.20 mark per kilogram (9.7¢ to 13.0¢ per lb.) according to quality, while the domestic product was quoted at 2.40 marks per kilogram (25.9¢ per lb.) The depreciation in the value of the mark, however, has increased as well as reversed the pre-war prices. At the present writing one dollar equals 275 marks, German honey sells at 38 marks per kilogram (6.3¢ per lb.) wholesale as against 51 marks (8.4¢ per lb.) for imported honey. The duty at present, if paid in paper marks, is 45 times as great as in 1913, at which time it was 40 pfennigs gold gross net weight per kilogram (4.3¢ per lb.) or 45 pfennigs gold net weight per kilo (4.9¢ per lb.)

Honey is considered as an essential foodstuff, and there are no restrictions forbidding the importation of this commodity. Generally speaking, Californian honey is considered the best quality obtainable on the German market. The most important improvement, which might be considered by American beekeepers would be that of packing. California honey imported into Germany, is usually packed in tin canisters, and two such canisters are boxed in a crate. This packing is similar to that resorted to by exporters of American oil to the Far East. This is, however, not the safest or most economical measure. Furthermore, complaints have been registered that on some occasions old oil canisters are used to contain honey. Naturally the odor and flavor is disagreeable, and by resorting to such practices, Californian honey receives a bad name. It would be more advisable for American honey exporters to use the packing methods of their South American and West Indian competitors, that is, whenever possible, rum or whiskey barrels should be used, containing approximately 250 kilos (551 lb.). Such flavor is more desired by local consumers.

The packing and labelling of honey in small containers for German destination should not be done in America, as this increases the cost and also makes it more difficult to sell in the German market. The cost of labor and materials for packing purposes is considerably lower here.

Honey is largely used for the table, baking, chemical purposes, tobacco flavor, cough syrups and other medicinal preparations. The local production of beet sugar at a much lower cost prevents the use of honey for sugar substitutes.

A new substitute (Ersatz) for honey was introduced during the war, known as "Kunsthonig". This product is manufactured from beet sugar and is artificially flavored. The demand for this substitute became of considerable importance during the war, and the product continues to be sold on the market. At present it sells for about one third the price of genuine honey. "Kunsthonig" will probably continue to be a competitor as long as imported honey is so expensive for the German buying public. However, the taste is not to be compared, and it is believed that the demand for this substitute will gradually decline.

The addresses of several German honey importers can be furnished on request.

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HONEY NO. 96

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of May):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Continued cool and foggy weather with occasional showers has retarded the new honey crop, until it is not expected that new stock will be on the market in appreciable quantities before the 20th or 22nd of May.

The market is in a waiting position, as the old crop is practically cleaned up, and no sales of new stock have been reported. Dealers report few purchases extracted honey from growers at 6¢ for Light Amber Sage, 8¢ for Extra Light Amber and 9¢ for White Sage.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: In the northern part of the area, the season is cold and wet, and two to four weeks later than usual. Many colonies are reported light in stores, and considerable feeding has been necessary this spring. One correspondent reports that even colonies which went into winter quarters with 40 lbs. of honey must be fed this spring.

In spite of cool weather fruit and dandelion are in full bloom, giving impetus to brood-rearing, and prospects are good for abundant flow from alfalfa and sweet clover. Bees building up fast and increasing in strength rapidly.

No carlot sales reported during past two weeks. In less-than-carlots, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa extracted has been selling in 60-lb. cans at a range of 8½-10¢ per lb., mostly 8½¢ for shipments of any size. Sales of No. 1 and fancy White comb reported at $4.00, and $3.00 for Amber. For yellow beeswax, beekeepers are receiving 20-24¢ per lb. cash, or 26¢ in trade.

In the Salt River Valley section of Arizona considerable feeding has been necessary due to early breeding up from early pollen. Good prospects for mesquite flow.

TEXAS POINTS: The crop is generally two to four weeks late. Too much rain thus far for much mesquite flow, but it is starting to bloom in some sections. Fine flow reported now from catclaw. Yield from other flora expected to be good if clear sunshiny weather is present, but excessive rain will cut the early spring crop to below normal. Some beekeepers have begun to extract and comb will soon be ready to take.

Good demand reported for early honey, especially for chunk honey. White extracted is nominally on a basis of 8½¢ per lb. in cases of two 60-lb. cans, and 14¢ per lb. for white chunk in the same container. Some white mild chunk honey reported selling in small containers in 60-lb. cases as follows: in 10-lb. pails $8.40 per case, 5-lb. pails $9.00, 3-lb. cans $9.60 per case, in less-than-carlot quantities.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Largest flow in years reported from dandelion and fruit bloom, which should make up part of the present deficiency of stores in the colonies. Clover outlook also good.

Demand is not active, and some extracted will be carried over. Most beekeepers, however, report supplies exhausted long ago. Packers reported offering 11¢ per lb. delivered for extracted White Clover in large lots, but no sales reported.

PLAINS AREA: Condition of honey plants greatly improved due to an abundance of moisture, and beekeepers feel much encouraged. Bees building up rapidly. Many colonies reported to be filling supers, which is unusual for this time of year.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Conditions differ widely in different states. In Alabama the early flow is reported as unusually good, with many hives storing supplies. Clover flow commences about May 20. Few sales Tupelo reported to grocers and hotels at 10¢ per lb. in small containers.

Saw palmetto is said to be yielding a great flow of fine quality nectar in Florida, the best in years.

South Georgia, however, reports a more discouraging situation. Alternating dry weather, cold spells, showers, and dry winds have given the bees little opportunity to store nectar, and even if gallberry flow lasts a week longer it is said that not over half a normal crop will be harvested in this section.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Recent frosts have not greatly affected the flora and prospects for a good honey crop are excellent. Fruit bloom is stimulating breeding and colonies are building up very fast. Swarms reported early as May 2 in northeastern Pennsylvania. Abundant supply of maple syrup causing extracted honey to move slowly.

CUBA: Shipments to Holland in barrels continue very heavy at 56¢ per gal., including cost and freight. Price f.o.b. Cuba 4¢ per lb. Beeswax offered at 21¢ per lb.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. Market reports are for May 13 or 15.

BOSTON: No arrivals reported since last report. Limited demand for extracted and very light demand for comb. California White Sage firmly held, other kinds steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases No. 1 White Clover carton stock $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Cuban, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 15-16¢ per lb. Brokers carlot quotations, delivered Boston basis- per lb., California, White Sage, none offered, Light Amber 6¢, Amber 7¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Calif., 1 car Nev., 3,000 lbs. Mich., 3,000 lbs. Minn., 3,000 lbs. Wis. and 600 lbs. Ia. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Supplies believed only moderate. Slightly better movement, market about steady. Sales to bottlers, bakers and wholesale grocers- per lb., Nevada and Colorado, mixed Alfalfa and Clover white 10-11¢, Light Amber 9-9½¢, dark around 8¢. California, White Sage 10-11¢, mixed Mountain Flowers Light Amber 9¢. Wisconsin and Michigan, mixed White Clover and Alfalfa, and some straight Clover, 11-12¢, Basswood mostly 12¢.

COMB: Demand and movement very slow, market weak. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Colorado and Montana, mixed Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $4.00-4.50, No. 2, $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts light. Market stronger, and prices may go higher. Few small sales reported to laundry supply houses- Montana and Wyoming, light 33¢ per lb.

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market weak. Sales to retailers- Western, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed No. 1, $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- in 5-gal. cans, Western, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed, Light Amber 12¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: No supplies.

COMB: Colorado and Wyoming, 24-section cases, light weight No. 1, $4.25, No. 2, $3.75.

PHILADELPHIA: Supplies generally light but demand is limited. Market slightly stronger. No sales reported but one dealer reports a purchase of Cuban Amber in barrels at 63¢ per gal. f.o.b. Philadelphia.

BEESWAX: Receipts increasing. Demand moderate and improving, market stronger. Sales to manufacturers- per lb., African dark 20-21¢. South American, light 25½-26½¢.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts of comb or extracted reported since last report. Demand light, practically no movement, market very dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - in 24-section cases, Colorado and Idaho, White Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 medium $5.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- per lb. in 5-gal. cans, California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢, mostly around 9¢.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported during past two weeks. Market nominal, practically no change in prices. Ungraded average country run quoted to jobbers nominally 23¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Both domestic and foreign receipts light. Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- domestic, per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom 12-13¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. New York, White Clover 10½-11½¢, few 12¢, Buckwheat mostly 7¢. South American, refined best 65-70¢ per gal.

COMB: No sales reported.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand moderate, market firm. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South American and West Indian, crude light best 27-30¢, poorer low as 24¢. African, dark 18-20¢.

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CONDITION OF HONEY BEES AND HONEY PLANTS, MAY 1, 1922.
(Per cent)

STATES	Winter Loss of Colonies			Number of Working Colonies Compared with May 1, 1921	Condition of Colonies Compared with Normal Health and Strength			Condition of Honey Plants Compared with Normal		
	1921-1922	1920-1921	7-year Average 1915-1921		1922	1921	8-year Average 1914-1921	1922	1921	8-year Average 1914-1921
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Maine	11	15	14	95	98	95	92	94	101	95
New Hampshire	10	15	17	124	90	100	94	93	100	93
Vermont	6	8	14	110	101	125	97	98	107	99
Massachusetts	9	13	20	115	100	120	95	99	110	95
Rhode Island	8	1	11	107	103	120	98	105	100	95
Connecticut	8	5	18	112	94	125	93	89	120	98
New York	6	6	13	115	98	115	94	92	95	95
New Jersey	5	7	15	105	98	108	93	92	97	94
Pennsylvania	5	9	17	110	98	105	93	93	90	94
Delaware	12	20	18	95	80	85	89	75	75	90
Maryland	10	8	15	100	98	105	92	91	85	92
Virginia	11	9	15	90	95	97	92	97	80	90
West Virginia	10	11	13	98	97	93	94	88	77	90
North Carolina	10	10	12	93	100	92	93	100	75	90
South Carolina	8	10	12	97	96	96	94	101	98	91
Georgia	7	7	8	105	96	100	94	90	98	91
Florida	10	5	6	95	90	95	94	85	90	87
Ohio	6	8	16	120	103	105	89	97	98	93
Indiana	6	15	14	108	102	93	91	99	90	92
Illinois	12	5	11	97	91	96	92	101	82	89
Michigan	11	8	14	112	100	107	92	94	98	91
Wisconsin	13	8	13	102	85	98	94	78	89	90
Minnesota	9	11	15	110	97	102	94	90	92	93
Iowa	12	7	12	94	88	98	94	92	86	91
Missouri	11	6	14	98	87	97	90	95	91	89
North Dakota	8	0	5	115	91	105	101	90	122	101
South Dakota	25	9	12	88	85	100	95	90	98	91
Nebraska	12	10	16	90	91	98	93	90	85	90
Kansas	9	7	10	98	95	95	92	92	73	87
Kentucky	11	11	15	108	110	96	91	112	90	88
Tennessee	8	25	14	95	99	80	90	95	78	89
Alabama	4	7	11	96	88	93	91	97	88	88
Mississippi	15	10	12	98	100	98	92	88	93	93
Louisiana	7	5	7	103	100	94	96	98	94	94
Texas	7	5	10	102	91	97	94	84	85	87
Oklahoma	10	14	12	95	91	93	92	95	70	83
Arkansas	10	7	15	97	98	93	88	98	75	85
Montana	14	5	18	107	85	100	97	90	99	94
Wyoming	12	13	13	103	91	105	102	92	95	97
Colorado	12	10	11	104	92	95	96	92	94	96
New Mexico	7	6	7	103	97	102	98	93	87	95
Arizona	4	7	6	110	96	90	96	100	66	93
Utah	13	9	13	104	92	102	97	86	98	95
Nevada	5	17	10	100	85	90	93	90	60	90
Idaho	13	9	14	95	78	102	96	85	96	91
Washington	19	7	12	86	75	93	93	78	100	93
Oregon	10	10	14	96	80	90	93	70	93	92
California	10	7	9	93	82	93	91	93	71	90
Average for United States	9.4	8.5	12.4	100.4	92.9	97.1	93.1	92.5	85.8	90.4

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WINTER LOSSES OF COLONIES.

The average winter loss in the United States is 9.4 per cent, compared with 8.5 per cent in the preceding winter, and an average of 12.4 per cent for the 7 winters preceding. Weakness of colonies or deficiency of young bees due to poor queens, short food supply late last summer, disease, etc., caused a loss of 3.6 per cent; poor winter stores, causing dysentery, killed 1 per cent; failure of the beekeeper to leave enough honey in the hives or to feed if the nectar flow was scanty, caused starvation to 2.1 per cent of all colonies; lack of proper winter protection permitted 1 per cent to perish; and other miscellaneous and unspecified causes led to the death of 1.7 per cent. All told, almost 1 colony in 10 was lost. The above percentages are based on returns from thousands of beekeepers, in all parts of the country.

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CONDITION OF HONEY BEE COLONIES AND HONEY PLANTS MAY 1.

(Resume prepared by Division of Crop Estimates from returns received from thousands of beekeepers in all parts of the country, representing almost 200,000 colonies.)

Winter Losses of Colonies.

Losses were most severe in the West, which endured a long, cold winter, succeeded by a late cold spring, leaving bees weak in numbers and with vitality at a low ebb.

The comparatively mild winter in the eastern United States resulted in relatively light winter losses, and a favorable fall nectar flow giving good winter stores through most of that territory has resulted in strong swarms, notwithstanding the unfavorable late spring. The cold and wetness confining bees to the hive, seems to have encouraged, rather than limited, brood-rearing. While swarms are strong in the east the stores are running short in a number of states.

From Wisconsin westward, and throughout the Plains, Mountain and Pacific Coast States, the winter has been unusually severe and long drawn-out, merging but slowly into spring. In this territory the season averages from two to five weeks late. The bees have suffered severely and the colonies that remain are weak in numbers and low in vitality. Bees not well provided with stores and well protected suffered severe losses, whole those given winter protection and provided with sufficient food have fared much better. However, in practically all of the far western territory bees are very weak in numbers even where properly cared for. This is not particularly unfavorable in most of that territory where the main flow comes late in the summer, but in Southern California, where the main flow comes early, it is likely to curtail the harvest considerably. In the South conditions are unusually spotted. Most of this territory except the East Gulf States was favored with a good early spring flow, but West Texas has had very poor conditions. The winter was mild, but this is not particularly favorable in the South, as it allows too much winter activity leading to heavy consumption of stores. In Southern California the dry fall resulted in short stores and the cold long winter and cold late spring has left bees very weak. Extensive feeding has been necessary to save them. Conditions are reported by some as the worst in twenty years. In general the swarms are too weak to take good advantage of the main flow which will soon be at hand.

The Condition of Colonies on May 1.

The present condition of 92.9 per cent of normal is slightly below the average of recent years and about 4 per cent lower than last year. The poorest conditions are in the far west. Few states east of the Mississippi show a condition below 90 per cent, and several, including Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky, show normal or above. West of the river only a few run much over 90 per cent, and Montana, Idaho and the Pacific Coast States are around 80 per cent.

Condition of Nectar-Bearing Plants May 1.

Because of the delayed season, bloom is late in the north and west, large areas in the higher latitutes and altitudes being still under a blanket of snow. The April freeze destroyed much bloom, particularly of fruit and nectar-bearing trees from New York as far south as North Carolina, and from the Coast to west of the Alleghanies. This damage has been largely offset by the profuse tree bloom in that territory this year. Maples and nectar-producing trees generally were badly broken down over extensive areas in Michigan, Wisconsin, and a few sections in other States by the crushing burden of tons of ice frozen upon the foliage during the sleet storms of the past winter. Fruit trees are blooming very heavily in the central tier of States where fruit failed last year because of the early freeze. Dandelion has an unusual bloom in the north central States.

White clover and the clovers generally are fine or promising throughout their range, although winter-killed to some extent in the States of the upper Mississippi Valley. The cool spring and ample moisture favor its growth. Sweet clover is reported good or fine in the central States and in Utah, but not so good in Montana and Wyoming. In Colorado large areas were drowned out by the flood.

The bloom of the black locust is extraordinary where not frozen. Tulip poplar also is good though damaged some by the freeze. Sourwood suffered too. In the Gulf region the white tupelo flow was unfavorably affected by inopportune rains. The desert plants of the southwest have a very irregular bloom, and appear hardly up to average, due to previous drouth and a late freeze. Horsemint in south Texas appears below average, but is better in central Texas. In parts of Colorado and much of the West, winter still lingers and it is too early to judge future conditions. The abundance of moisture argues well for vigorous plant growth and bloom.

In Idaho apricots are just beginning to bloom a month late. In Southern California the orange groves were damaged by the January freeze. Some old groves were killed outright. With the late cold spring following, it is thought that the orange bloom will be lighter and of shorter duration than usual. Heavy rains this spring have been helpful to flora generally. White sage is reported somewhat hurt by the freeze, but the black sage is only lightly frosted. Alfalfa is promising in the higher districts of the northern and eastern portions of California, but much of the stand in the Imperial Valley has been plowed up to make room for vegetables.

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HONEY NO. 97

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of May):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: New honey is arriving in very light quantities, but the quality is said to be excellent. Due to the early freeze and to disagreeable weather during the blooming period of the oranges and other fruits, the yield from deciduous fruits has generally been light, except in some few counties which were not hit by the freeze. Present prospects excellent for a good sage crop.

Shippers are asking in carlot quantities, f.o.b. California points, for extracted White Orange Blossom or White Sage 6-7¢ per lb., and for Light Amber 6½-7¢ per lb. No recent carlot sales reported.

Beeswax is bringing the beekeepers 22¢ per lb., cash.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The good weather during the past few weeks, with abundant fruit and dandelion bloom, has caused the bees to build up rapidly where stores have been sufficient and it is thought that they will be in condition for the main flow. Many of the stronger colonies are reported to be in swarming condition. Early blooms generally three weeks late in the northern part of the area. The flow from alfalfa and sweet clover is not expected, however, to be much over one week late.

In some sections mice are said to have done much damage by getting in the hives and destroying many combs.

The market for extracted honey is said to be fairly active, and supplies are exhausted in several sections. Demand is quiet for comb honey. One recent carlot sale extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa in 60-lb. cans reported at 8 3/4¢ per lb., with less-than-carlot sales ranging 9-10½¢, some high as 12¢ per lb. Local dealers paying beekeepers 8½-9¢ per lb. No. 1 White comb honey in small lots reported selling at $4.00, occasionally $5.00 per 24-section case. Some bees being sold at $6.00-7.00 per hive. For beeswax, average yellow, beekeepers are receiving 22¢ in cash, or 25¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies have built up well, and should be in good shape for the clover flow. No large sales reported.

TEXAS POINTS: Production thus far throughout the State is much less than normal. Colonies reported short on stores due to too much rain. The excessive rain is said to be interfering also with nectar flow and yield. Mesquite is commencing to bud and the flow should open well by the middle of June if not hindered by rain. Some sections report rainfall of 16½ inches during past two months. Little swarming in some area; others report colonies weak account excessive swarming.

Demand for chunk honey brisk, but extracted honey is not in much demand at present. Much honey, both extracted and chunk, will be marketed in glass and tin containers. White extracted honey reported selling in less-than-carlots at 8½¢ per lb., and Light Amber at 7½¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Condition of colonies good,- best in years in some sections. Some swarming reported as a result of crowding the hives with dandelion honey. Clover prospects excellent due to abundant rains generally. Southern Wisconsin reported in need of rain. Clover flow begins early in June. Trade in bee supplies reported very heavy.

Supplies old crop White extracted and comb very light; some dark honey reported still on hand. Sales large lots White Clover extracted in 60-lb. cans reported at 10¢ per lb., in small lots 12¢. Tourist trade said to be buying 5 and 10-lb. pails well; but little demand reported for honey in larger containers.

PLAINS AREA: Bees have been building up rapidly as a result of the unusual flow of honey brought on by copious spring rains in most sections, and many colonies are in strong condition. Some areas in Iowa report dry weather. Nectar flow just starting from sweet clover and alfalfa.

Carlot sales of White Clover in cases of two 60-lb. cans reported at 9½¢ per lb., f.o.b. Few small lot sales of White Clover reported at 12¢ per lb., in 60-lb. cans.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees show record strength, and some hives have needed supers to accommodate early honey and brood. Good flow secured from fruit bloom and dandelion. Rains more abundant than for years. Owing to rains and cool weather, some colonies are short of stores and need feeding to keep them breeding up rapidly.

Practically no honey now in producers' hands. Crop outlook excellent, and with warmer weather a bumper crop is looked for.

WEST INDIES: Heavy shipments in barrels reported from Cuba to Belgium at 56½¢ per gal., including cost and freight. Number of colonies in Porto Rico reported being reduced.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Throughout much of Georgia the crop harvested during May has been above average, but the Southeastern section reports a very light gallberry crop. Rains have improved the prospects for the summer flow. Beekeepers reported selling carlots of barreled White honey at 10¢ per lb., and Light Amber at 8¢. Sales 60-lb. cans Amber mixed flavor reported at 10¢ per lb. In Alabama the main flow from sweet clover is just beginning. Cool, cloudy weather has been a serious handicap recently. Tupelo honey reported selling in small containers at 10¢ per lb.

Some Mississippi and Louisiana beekeepers have suffered greatly on account of the unusual floods. Sales by beekeepers of White honey reported at 8¢ per lb. Florida reports best crop from saw palmetto in 5 years.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Since last report 30 bbls. by boat from Cuba arrived. Conditions practically unchanged. Comb in light supply and steady, with little demand. Extracted firm,- particularly White Sage.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.50-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases, No. 1 White Clover carton stock $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Cuba, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 16¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1,000 lbs. Mich., 1,000 lbs. Ohio, 2,000 lbs. Calif., 2,000 lbs. Ia. and 1,000 lbs. Wis. arrived. Unreported, arrived May 2, 1 car N.M. Demand and movement very slow, market weak.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and bakers- New Mexico, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 10-11¢, mostly 10¢, mixed Mountain Flowers Light Amber 8-1/2 - 9¢. Colorado and Montana, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 10-11¢, Light Amber 8-1/2 - 9-1/4¢, dark 7-1/2 - 8¢. Wisconsin and Michigan, mixed White Clover and Alfalfa 11-11 1/2¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Colorado and Montana, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 24-section cases No. 1, $4.00-4.75, No. 2, $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts light. Market strong, prices having advanced several cents per lb. on all grades during past two weeks. Sales to wholesale druggists and laundry supply houses- Colorado and California, light 32-34¢, dark 28-30¢. Central American, light 27-29¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Demand and movement slow, market dull. Brokers sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Supplies very light. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8¢.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa light weight No. 1, $4.00, No. 2, $3.50. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Clover new crop $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: COMB: Supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market steady. Sales to retailers- Western, 24-section cases mixed White Sweet Clover No. 1, $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- 5-gal. cans Western, mixed White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover Light Amber 12¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic and foreign receipts light. Supplies rather limited. Demand moderate, market steady. Per lb.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- domestic per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-8 1/2¢, Light Amber Sage 9 1/2-10¢, extra Light Amber Sage 10 1/2-11¢, White Sage 11 1/2-12 1/2¢, White Orange Blossom, few sales, 13-14¢. New York, White Clover 10-1/2 - 11-1/2¢, Buckwheat 7- 7-1/2¢. South American, refined best 65-70¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand fairly good, market firm. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- per lb., South American and West Indian, crude light best 27-30¢, darker 22-26¢. African, dark 18-20¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No fresh receipts reported. Supplies generally light. No sales reported.

BEESWAX: Supplies light. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to manufacturers- per lb., African, dark 20-21¢. South American, light 25 1/2 - 26 1/2¢.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts of comb or extracted reported since last report. Demand light, practically no movement, market dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers in 24-section cases- Colorado and Idaho, White Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $6.00, No. 2, $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- per lb., in 5-gal. cans, California and Southern Light Amber various mixed flavors 9-9 1/2¢.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported during period since last report. Market somewhat stronger. Ungraded average country run quoted to jobbers at 25¢ per lb.

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

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IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR APRIL, 1922.

(Secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	Lbs.*	dollars
France	96	27
Canada	984	138
Mexico	38,520	1,256
Trinidad and Tobago	960	40
Cuba	339,756	12,273
Australia	12	3
TOTAL	380,328	13,737

* Note: Conversions from gallons made on basis of 1 gal. honey = 12 lbs.

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE U.S. FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII During April, 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
	Lbs.	dollars
Porto Rico	32,292	1,418
Hawaii	189,212	8,588

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	Lbs.	Dollars
Belgium	23,018	1,846
Germany	60	9
Italy	75	12
Norway	2,400	348
England	125,583	13,983
Canada	15,779	1,951
Br. Honduras	12	3
Honduras	192	27
Mexico	236	63
Newfoundland & Labrador	1,824	110
Bermuda	30	12
Colombia	81	11
British India	480	168
Straits Settlements	168	62
China	3,401	1,263
Java and Madura	528	195
Other Du. E. Indies	168	63
Hongkong	501	151
Japan	180	44
Kwantung, leased terr'y	96	28
Philippine Islands	1,128	354
TOTAL	175,940	20,703

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	Lbs.	dollars
France	5,323	4,238
Germany	25,088	6,406
Italy	427	85
Netherlands	11,061	3,806
Portugal	17,232	2,612
Cuba	31,660	5,626
Dominican Republic	4,426	575
Brazil	18,144	3,511
Chile	16,118	3,198
British India	22,400	12,111
Japan	11,200	1,600
TOTAL	163,079	43,768

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	Lbs.	Dollars
Canada	7,990	2,188
Costa Rica	25	12
Mexico	56	15
Newfoundland & Labrador	135	40
Cuba	1,344	202
Du. West Indies	838	26
Venezuela	50	24
Australia	360	93
TOTAL	10,798	2,600

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MANITOBA HONEY INDUSTRY

(From Consul General J.I. Brittain, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, March 25, 1922.)

A noticeable feature of Western Canadian agriculture in recent years has been the progress recorded in the adoption of beekeeping and the production of honey as a commercial venture, a line of farming hitherto not commonly associated with the Canadian West because not practiced there to any extent. It has been discovered that the Western provinces, particularly irrigated sections, are admirably adapted to the production of alfalfa and clovers, and this has proved a pronounced stimulus to beekeeping which has made remarkable progress, particularly in Manitoba. Here, the first settled of the Prairie Provinces and the West's splendid wheat area, the progress made in beekeeping has been very satisfactory and it has assumed a long lead over the other provinces of the West in the matter of honey production. Its crop in 1921 amounted to 903,000 pounds derived from 14,721 colonies of bees.

In speaking of the bee colonies in Manitoba, H.W. Saunders, an authority, says: "One of the most interesting developments in recent years is the practice of bringing in bees from the Southern States by express. The bees are shaken from their combs and sold by the pound, and sent through the express in wirecloth cages. On arrival here they are placed in hives which have combs of honey saved from the previous year. If the weather is good they may build up fast so as to equal the colonies wintered in the ordinary way. In some seasons remarkable success has been attained in this way, although in others where the weather has been adverse, or the bees have been injured in transportation, losses have resulted."

Large quantities of honey must be imported each year from Eastern Canada to supply the local demand. The amount of honey imported into Canada for the ten months ending January 31, 1922, was 442,704 pounds valued at $78,096; the amount for the same period ending January 31, 1921, was 639,952 pounds valued at $120,678.

The amount imported from the United States for the ten months ending January 31, 1922, was 330,880 pounds valued at $64,928, and for the ten months ending January 31, 1921, 184,287 pounds valued at $39,003.

Previous to 1921, the heaviest imports appeared to be from New Zealand. For the ten months ending January 31, 1922, the imports from that country were 15,091 pounds valued at $3,343; and for the same period ending January 31, 1921, 240,909 pounds valued at $63,323.

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HONEY SITUATION IN FRANCE

(By W.C. Huntington, Commercial Attaché, Paris, France, Nov. 28, 1921.)

French statistics show the following imports and exports of honey during the past four years:

French Imports of Honey

Year	Metric quintals. (2)	(Pounds)	Value francs. (1)
1918	15,839	3,491,866	7,603,000
1919	27,746	6,116,883	13,318,000
1920	14,040	3,095,258	6,739,000
First nine months of 1921	5,075	1,118,835	2,436,000

French Exports of Honey

Year	Metric quintals (2)	(Pounds)	Value francs (1)
1918	64	14,109	27,000
1919	3,102	683,867	1,502,000
1920	14,512	3,199,316	7,024,000
First nine months of 1921	6,151	1,356,049	2,977,000

1. Pre-war value of Franc - 19.3¢; value on Nov. 28, 1921 - 6.96¢.
2. Metric Quintal = 220.46 Pounds.

A recent letter from the largest retail grocers in France includes the following statements:

"So far as we are concerned, we import honey only from Havana and Chili for the making of gingerbread. We prefer the Havana honey, which is more highly-colored and has a much stronger flavor than the honey secured in Chili.

"This honey is packed in barrels of about 200 kilograms (440 lbs.) to 300 kilograms (660 lbs.), and this method of packing suits us.

"We have previously imported extra white edible honey gathered in California, but that time when the exchange was favorable. This honey is of excellent quality, but it cannot be imported at the present time, on account of its high price."

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of June):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Beekeepers report that the orange flow is over, but that bees are still gathering sage honey. The yield of orange honey is reported as fair to good; that of sage and buckwheat as good. Both orange and sage new crop are said to be of fine quality. Few sales are reported in carlots, f.o.b. usual terms, from California points, of extracted water white Orange Blossom and Sage at 9½-10¢, fancy high as 10½¢ per lb. Light Amber Alfalfa, no sales reported, but shippers quoting 6-6½¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Throughout much of the territory the continued good weather has given the bees considerable strength, and the swarming period is now on, about three weeks later than usual. Many colonies are far below normal, however, due to heavy winter losses, and are building up so slowly that they will hardly be in sufficient strength to gather a full crop this year. Many package bees have been brought in from California and the South to replace winter losses.

Some districts report ample rainfall; others that the season is very dry,- hot windy days being interspersed with occasional frosts. Grasshoppers reported showing up in great numbers in some sections of Colorado, seriously diminishing prospects in those areas.

Honey plants generally growing very fast and in spite of the late season it is thought that the bloom will be scarcely a week later than normal. A good crop is expected from sweet clover.

In Arizona some loss reported due to early breeding followed by cold spells with little honey on which to keep going. Mesquite flow is said to be almost a failure in Salt River Valley as result of recent hot weather, but some honey being taken from alfalfa.

No carlot sales reported, but it is understood that White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa can be bought in large lots in 5 gal. cans at 6 5/4¢ per lb. Small lot sales in 5-gal. cans and smaller containers reported at 10-10½¢ per lb. Some beekeepers selling to nearby dealers at 6½¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans.

TEXAS POINTS: Continued rains proving disastrous to honey yield and to colony increase. Horsemint now reported in full bloom, but bees apparently not storing surplus from it. Many beekeepers report little surplus from any source; others say their spring crop has been nearly normal.

Due to lack of nectar and pollen, as a result of wet weather, many colonies reported dwindling. Sunshine needed badly if cotton and mesquite flows are to produce much surplus. Queen cells reported in June by several beekeepers - unusually late in the season for Texas.

Light Amber extracted reported selling in 60-lb. cans at 6-6½¢ per lb., and mild white 6/10s at 9½¢, 12/5s at 10½¢ per lb. Chunk honey, 6/10s reported in small lots at $9.00 per case for White and $7.60 per case for Light Amber. Quotations received of 10¢ per lb. for chunk honey in 60-lb. cans.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: White clover, alsike and raspberry are in bloom and the main flow has commenced. Bees storing rapidly, and with favorable weather conditions a heavy crop should be taken off. Heavy swarming is reported from several sections.

Very large sales of bee supplies reported. Many beekeepers throughout the entire clover belt apparently returning to comb honey production as demand for sections is reported the heaviest in years. Many new beekeepers reported in Michigan.

Extracted honey largely exhausted. Some large lots White Clover in 60-lb. cans offered at 11½¢ per lb., f.o.b. shipping point, but few sales reported.

PLAINS AREA: Colonies said to be in good condition. Flow is now coming on from alsike and white clover, and with sufficient showers prospects look good for a normal crop. Swarming reported by some beekeepers to be worst in years.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees said to be doing unusually well. Alsike and white clover are now in bloom, and with abundance of rain, a normal crop of honey should be secured, some surplus being stored. Basswood is reported budding fairly well. Some beekeepers report heavy swarming in May and early June. Section supplies sold in large quantity, especially in New England, indicating return to comb production.

Very few sales reported. Some shippers getting 14¢ per lb. for White Clover and 8¢ per lb. for Buckwheat in 60-lb. cans. Beekeepers reported selling extracted White Clover to nearby dealers at 10¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES: Shipments from Cuba have fallen off somewhat but are still heavy. Sales made recently in barrels to Antwerp at 57¢ per gal., including cosf and freight. F.o.b. price quoted at 4¢ per lb.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: In Florida the season is over, resulting in a small crop. Some beekeepers have not taken off any surplus at all. Orange and Saw Palmetto in small tins reported selling around 12-12½¢ per lb.

Alabama reports that the first 10 days of the clover flow were ruined by cloudy and rainy weather, but prospects are now good for a normal crop.

Showers daily for over a week have kept bees from working in Louisiana. Indications are for a good flow from "black vine" in that State.

Protracted and heavy rains in Georgia have injured cotton and other honey plants in some parts of the state; in others, the fall honey plants are said to be in good condition. Spring flow practically over. Little demand reported for large shipments. Some sales reported in 34-gal. barrels of fancy at 10¢ per lb., No. 1, 8¢, No. 2, 6¢, and some extra fancy at 12½¢ per lb. Light Amber reported selling in small containers at 10-12½¢ per lb. Comb, fancy, white, has recently sold at $4.50 per case and No. 1 Light Amber at $4.00 per case. Bright yellow beeswax listed at 25¢ per lb.

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BOSTON: Boat receipts equivalent to 1 car Porto Rico arrived since last report. Comb honey in light supply, good stock being almost cleaned up. Little demand for comb, moderate demand for extracted. Prices practically unchanged.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases best $6.50-7.00, poorer, granulated $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Cuban and Porto Rican, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 15-16¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Colo. and 600 lbs. Ohio arrived.

EXTRACTED: Market dull and about steady with supplies rapidly cleaning up under slightly improved demand. Sales to bottlers and bakers- Utah and Nevada, Alfalfa and Mixed Mountain Flowers Light Amber 8½-9¢, mostly 9¢. White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 10-11¢. Iowa and Wisconsin, White Clover 11-12¢, mostly 12¢.

COMB: Supplies remain liberal. Market weak. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Wisconsin, White Clover No. 1 fancy few $5.00-5.50. Colorado, Arizona and Montana, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1, $4.00-4.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts light. Market about steady. Sales to wholesale druggists and laundry supply houses- Colorado and California, light 30-32¢, dark 26-28¢. Central American, light 26-28¢. Chilean, light 28-30¢.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals during past two weeks.

COMB: Supplies light. Demand and movement very slow, market weak. Sales to retailers- Western, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1, $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies cleaned up. No sales reported.

NEW YORK: Domestic and foreign receipts limited. Supplies rather limited. Demand and movement light, market dull, few sales.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- domestic, per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, White Sage 11-12¢, White Orange Blossom 11½-12½¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. New York, White Clover 10-11¢, Buckwheat 7-7½¢. South American and West Indian, refined, per gal., best 68-70¢, poorer 60-65¢.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts light. Very good demand, strong market. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South American and Chilean, light best 32-35¢, poorer 29-30¢. Brazilian, fair color, 24-26¢. African, dark 24-26¢. Cuban, light 25-27¢, fair color 20-23¢.

PHILADELPHIA:

EXTRACTED: Supplies generally light. Demand is very slow and the market is reported as about steady. Very few sales in small lots reported to retailers- Cuban, Amber and Porto Rico Light Amber, various flavors around 72¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Supplies light. While there is very little demand the market is a trifle stronger. Sales to manufacturers- African, good quality, medium dark 26-27¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No carlot receipts of comb or extracted reported since last report. Demand is very light, practically no movement, market very dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers in 24-section cases- Colorado and Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 medium $5.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers, per lb.- in 5-gal. cans- California, Light Amber Alfalfa, 8-10¢, mostly 8½-9½¢.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported during past two weeks. Not much change in market. Ungraded average country run wax quoted to jobbers nominally at 26¢ per lb.

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

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HONEY NO. 99

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of June):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: The orange crop is estimated at 1/4 to 2/3 of normal, according to locality. The sage crop is reported generally good, and above average in quality. Perhaps one-half of the crop in the southern part of the state was made by the first of June.

Demand for carlots is reported light, the movement is slow, and the market unsettled. Dealers are said to be buying from beekeepers only on orders. A few carlot sales are reported on usual terms basis as follows: White Orange Blossom 8½-9¢, some fancy high as 10¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 5½-6¢ per lb. Beekeepers said to be disposed to hold for higher prices. Beeswax, cash to beekeepers, selling at 22¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Honey flow now on throughout most of the region, although no surplus will be taken off for several weeks. An unusually heavy early flow reported from parts of Utah.

Some beekeepers in the northern part of the area fear a short crop as a result of the late spring, drought, hot, drying winds, and grasshoppers; others look for a normal flow. Surplus of 50 lbs. per colony from Alfalfa reported from eastern Washington. In the Salt River Valley of Arizona the flow thus far is said to have been one of the poorest ever experienced, as the mesquite crop was almost a failure. A good crop of Alfalfa and Cotton honey is expected later in the Valley.

The demand for extracted honey has been better than anticipated, and the surplus of extracted honey has been practically cleaned up. Comb honey shows little improvement in demand, and some of last season's stock will be carried over, mostly in a fine state of preservation. Many beekeepers are said to be experimenting this season with bulk comb honey, such as is sold in Texas, as a result of the lack of demand for comb honey in sections. Some inquiry already for new crop honey.

Carlot sale extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported at 8 3/4¢, with l.c.l. sales ranging 8½-13¢, depending on container and locality. Small lots No. 1 white comb reported sold at $3.50-4.00 per 24-section case.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Along the Pacific Coast the clover crop is reported above normal, and a good flow is expected from fireweed, alfalfa and sweet clover. In the Yakima Valley some old honey still remains on hand. Prospects excellent for a big crop in that section if spray poisoning does not prevent.

TEXAS POINTS: Nectar flow and yield have been poor because of too much rain, and the present crop outlook is not good for the same reason. Only 1/4 to ½ of normal crop thus far secured, according to several reports. A flow is expected in July from mesquite and cotton, and from catclaw in August.

Recent shipments reported light. In l.c.l. lots in 60-lb. cans, White to Light Amber grade has been selling mostly 8½¢, some 10¢ per lb., Light Amber and Amber 7¢ per lb. Chunk honey in 6/10s has sold at $9.00 per case for White to Light Amber, and $7.20 per case for Light Amber. For country run beeswax 25-23¢ per lb. is being secured.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: This section is having a very good clover year, and some beekeepers report a heavy surplus nearly ready to take off. Raspberry is blooming well in Michigan, and basswood is expected to bloom heavily. Ohio has been troubled somewhat by cool, windy weather which has retarded comb building and rendered nectar-gathering difficult, although the cool nights were favorable for nectar-production. Swarming reported worse than average by some beekeepers.

Supplies have been sold in large quantities, especially comb sections. It is reported that many beekeepers in the clover belt from Kansas to New York, are switching from extracted to comb production, and most manufacturers are said to be badly behind with orders. Practically no good old honey left on hand. Few less-than-carlot sales White Clover in 60-lb. cans reported at 12¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Honey flow has been coming on fairly well in spite of dry weather, which is cutting short what had promised to be a very good yield. New crop will not be ready to take off for several weeks. North and South Dakota are showing much interest in beekeeping this year, largely as a result of planting white sweet clover in large quantities.

Few small sales of white honey reported in 60-lb. cans at 12¢ per lb. Beekeepers in one section reported to have refused an offer of 9½¢ per lb., f.o.b., for total output of new crop.

WEST INDIES: In Porto Rico the season is said to have been poor so far, with too much rain. Bees reported working from hand to mouth, with practically no honey in the hives. Beekeepers receiving an average of 4¢ per lb. for extracted.

Shipments continue to move rather heavily from Cuba to Antwerp at 57¢ per gal., including cost and freight. F.o.b. price reported as 4¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Excessive rains held back clover flow, but nectar has come in heavily during the last week of June from a wonderful bloom of white and alsike clover. Basswood is well-budded, and should bloom full. Prospects excellent for a good flow from buckwheat. Swarming said to be the worst for years in some sections

Market practically bare of honey. It is said there is less honey in the han of beekeepers and dealers than for several years past at this time. Few sales reported of extracted in 60-lb. cans, White 12¢ per lb., Amber 10¢, in 5-lb. pails White 17¢, Buckwheat 10-11¢. For yellow beeswax, beekeepers are receiving 26¢ per lb. cash or 28¢ in trade.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Alabama reports exceptional swarming, with only fair crop outlook and light nectar yield. Extracted Gallberry selling in 60-lb. cans at 10¢ per lb., with some beekeepers selling to nearby dealers at 6¢. Beekeepers receiving 22¢ per lb. for medium grade beeswax, 20¢ for dark.

Less swarming than usual reported from Florida, where yellow beeswax is selling to nurserymen at 34¢ per lb.

Feeding reported necessary with some weak colonies in Georgia, account June dearth. Cotton and corn said to be furnishing pollen plentifully, but little nectar being secured from cotton, "Mexican clover" and garden truck. The summer honey flow is just coming on, with good prospects. Local and nearby market good, but distant markets said not to be buying. Sales reported of White extracted in 5-lb. pails and 34-gal. barrels, both at 10¢ per lb., and Light Amber at 8¢. Extra fancy comb reported selling for $5.00 per case, fancy $4.50, and No. 1, $4.00.

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BOSTON: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Fair demand for extracted honey but practically none for comb. Limited movement.

COMB: No sales reported. Good stock cleaned up and nothing but a little sugared stock offered.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Cuban and Porto Rican, Amber 82-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 15-16¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1,000 lbs. Ia. arrived. Supplies comparatively light. Demand very light, movement draggy, market steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Iowa and Wisconsin, mixed flavors No. 1, $5.00. Colorado and Arizona, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1, $4.00-4.25, few $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and bakers- Nevada and Arizona, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover White 11¢, Alfalfa and Mixed Mountain Flowers Light Amber 9-9½¢. Wisconsin, White Clover 12-12½¢.

BEESWAX: Supplies light. Market steady to firm. Sales to laundry supply houses and druggists - Colorado, Arizona and Montana, light 31-32¢, dark 28-30¢. Central and South American, light 28-30¢, dark 22-26¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Demand and movement slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Supplies practically exhausted. No sales reported.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Brokers sales to jobbers- Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, light weight No. 1, $4.00, No. 2, $3.50. Idaho, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, light weight fancy $4.00, choice $3.00. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Sweet Clover new crop $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies very light. Practically no demand. Too few sales to establish market.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts very light, foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand limited, movement light, market steady, few sales.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- domestic, per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa mostly 8-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, White Sage 11½-12½¢, White Orange Blossom 11½-12½¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10-11¢. South American and West Indian, refined per gal., 60-65¢, few high as 70¢.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts light. Demand good, market firm. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South American and Chilian, light best 30-32¢, few 33¢. Brazilian, best 28-30¢, poorer low as 24¢. African, dark 23-25¢, few high as 26¢. Cuban, light 28-34¢, dark 20-25¢.

PHILADELPHIA: EXTRACTED: Receipts and supplies are light. The demand continues limited with the market fairly steady. Sales to retailers- Porto Rico, Light Amber various flavors, few sales 72¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts and supplies light. The demand is good and the market strong on good grades. Sales to manufacturers- Chilean, yellow 32¢. African, yellow 30¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts of comb or extracted reported since last report. Demand shows slight improvement but movement is very light and the market dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers in 24-section cases - Colorado and Idaho, White Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, medium $5.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers, per lb. in 5-gal. cans- California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-10¢. No sales of Southern Light Amber mixed flavors reported, but some receipts of new stock expected soon.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported during past two weeks. No change in market. Un- [illegible] country run quoted nominally at 26¢ per lb. to jobbers.

IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR MAY, 1922.
(Secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	Pounds*	Dollars
France	204	64
Italy	72	26
Canada	564	91
Guatemala	46,000	4,220
Mexico	26,520	730
Cuba	47,880	2,143
New Zealand	276	76
TOTAL	123,516	7,412

*Note: Conversions from gallons made on basis of 1 gal. honey = 12 pounds

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE U.S. FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII During May, 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	46,056	2,252
Hawaii	277,266	9,309

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	Pounds	Dollars
Germany	180	45
Latvia	56	16
Netherlands	14,208	1,697
England	125,048	13,729
Canada	25,085	2,942
Honduras	255	34
Panama	40	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	48	24
Ecuador	72	26
Br. India	120	42
China	789	240
Japan	720	40
Philippine Islands	1,127	345
TOTAL	163,748	19,197

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	Pounds	dollars
France	15,747	4,747
Germany	28,811	6,360
Netherlands	2,997	951
Portugal	134,402	22,064
Switzerland	300	42
England	24,520	3,893
Canada	12,543	2,727
Cuba	34,285	6,697
Dominican Republic	5,237	735
Chile	79,360	17,029
TOTAL	330,882	65,245

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	Pounds	dollars
France	700	400
Canada	10,956	3,263
Panama	26	10
Br. West Indies	20	12
Brazil	1,218	94
Columbia	200	60
Venezuela	100	24
TOTAL	13,220	3,863

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HONEY SITUATION IN SPAIN

(By Chas. H. Cunningham, Commercial Attache, Madrid, Spain, Nov. 25, 1921.)

Apparently there is little or no field for the sale of imported honey in Spain. As a matter of fact, Spain is becoming increasingly important not only as a producer but as an exporter of both comb and extracted honey.

The comparative customs statistics for the exportation of honey for the years 1918, 1919, and 1920 are as follows:

Country of Destination	1918	1919	1920
	Pounds*	Pounds*	Pounds*
Ceuta	754.0	3,179.0	4,896.4
France	2,426,299.0	663,370.8	78,426.4
Portugal	----	----	----
Switzerland	85,077.7	60,538.3	----
Other countries	102,809.3	158,969.3	45,251.6
TOTAL	2,614,940.0	886,057.4	128,574.4

The importations of honey for the same years were as follows:

	Pounds*	Pounds*	Pounds*
All countries	1,924.6	782.6	628.3

*Reduced from Kilograms. equivalent. 1 Kilogram = 2.2046 lbs.

There is an increasingly important honey industry in Spain which is now demanding customs protection. In fact, the Customs Board has recently recommended a sharp advance over prevailing tariff rates.

Honey is produced all over Spain and especially in the Northern and Central Provinces. In Valladolid and Guadalajara, where the springs and summers are long and the period of the development of the flower, especially the wild sage, is protracted, the honey is said to be high in quality and exquisite in flavor as that produced in any other part of the world. The famous "Miel de Alcarrio" is favorably known throughout Spain, France and Latin America, although export statistics do not show as yet a very important export to the last-mentioned countries. There is a growingly important concern in Madrid which markets this famous brand which is said to come from Guadalajara, but the owner of the plant informs me that he purchases honey from all parts of Spain, including not only the provinces above mentioned, but localities as widely apart as Extremadura and Mallorca, brings it to Madrid, refines it and ships it out under the above name. One brand sold in Spain is labeled in English and affects to be the importation of foreign honey.

Three kinds of honey are consumed in the Spanish market: strained honey, unstrained, and honey in the comb. The first and last kinds are very excellently gotten up and the strained honey retails at $3.50 pesetas for a glass jar of 750 grams gross weight*. The comb honey sells for a little less. These two kinds of honey are sold in attractive packages in all of the high grade grocery stores. By far the greatest amount of honey sold throughout Spain, however, is the unstrained variety. The greater part of this is put up and sold locally and much of this is purchased by the refineries and ultimately sold or exported in more attractive form.

I do not believe that there will be any demand for American honey, but if a demand should arise, the only kind that could meet the high tariff would be some special mark or brand of a high grade of quality. It should be packed and labeled according to the directions of importers, who would undoubtedly set forth with their orders any requirements as to packing or labeling or type of container concerned. I believe that the best way to export honey to Spain would be in five- or ten-gallon cans, similar in size and shape to kerosene cans, which would combine strength and resistance with lightness in weight, and which would be ideal for meeting specific customs duties.

In addition to the table uses of honey, it is largely employed here in making nut and other candies, but I do not believe that it would be profitable to import foreign honey for this purpose and pay the customs tariff on same.

A list of manufacturers in Spain of turrones (a particular kind of candy in the manufacture of which honey or syrup is consumed) is available and can be furnished on request.

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Data furnished by Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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*Peseta par value = 19.3¢, value on Dec. 15, 1921, 15.0¢. 750 grams = about 1.65 lbs.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of July):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: The nectar flow from orange has now finished, and the flow from sage is nearly over. Orange yield is reported light to fair, sage flow generally good. Fair eucalyptus flow being secured in Alameda County. Bees in Southern California said to be now gathering mostly alfalfa nectar. Beekeepers are busy extracting.

Old crop honey practically exhausted. Demand light and market dull. Few sales reported, carloads f.o.b. usual terms, as follows: White Orange 9-9 3/4¢, few reported quoting 8½¢, White Sage 8½-8 3/4¢, Light Amber Sage 6½-7¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 5 3/4-6¢. Beeswax, cash to beekeepers 22-24¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Prospects differ widely in different areas. In Montana an unusually large crop is said to be in prospect. Southern Utah will have a good crop, but in the northern part of the state cold winds have proved harmful to the flow. Heavy flow secured in Eastern Washington from first [illegible] crop alfalfa. Sweet clover in Colorado is suffering from drought where irrigation is not abundant and from grasshoppers; and in Idaho alfalfa weevils are said to be numerous. Little surplus yet secured in Salt River Valley.

Some beekeepers will commence extracting new crop early in July; others will wait until August. Shipments have been light recently, as supply of old honey is pretty well disposed of. Comb honey, especially in Montana, said to be still rather abundant.

Small lot sales reported of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, largely in small tins, at 9½-10½¢. Some 60-lb. cans sold by beekeepers to nearby dealers at 8½¢ per lb. Sales of fancy and No. 1 white comb reported at $4.50, and of No. 2 White Alfalfa at $3.00. For average yellow beeswax, some beekeepers are receiving 21¢ cash or 24¢ in trade; other prices range slightly higher.

TEXAS POINTS: The crop thus far has been generally poor, due to too much rain. If recent spell of dry weather continues, prospects will improve. Many colonies have gathered little more than enough to live on, and some colonies reported starving, with no honey on which to rear brood. Above conditions refer to North Texas. South Texas reports conditions good nearly normal.

The price for 60-lb. cans extracted is reported as 8½¢ per lb. for white and 7½¢ for Light Amber. In 10-lb. pails, 12-13¢ per lb. is secured for case lots. Bulk comb honey, 6/10s, is listed at $9.00 per case for light-colored, mild honey. Beekeepers receiving 25¢ per lb. for beeswax.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Cold nights, cloudy and rainy weather in June hindered bees from gathering nectar in Wisconsin, Michigan and parts of Ohio, but even so a fairly good crop has been secured. In some sections a heavy yield was obtained, one beekeeper reporting 120-lb. surplus about ready to take off. Basswood is expected to bloom heavily.

Inquiry coming in already for new honey. Practically nothing is being held over from last season, in strong contrast with the situation a year ago. 60-lb. cans white extracted selling at 12¢ per lb. in case lots. Small lots No. 1 White Clover sold at $4.00-4.50, some $4.80 per 24-section case.

PLAINS AREA: Abundant rains early in July, after the drought during May and June, helped raise prospects in Iowa towards normal. Kansas also reports an unusually good crop. Honey is said to be of fine quality. American foulbrood is making inroads in some apiaries. Some beekeepers will start extracting late in July.

Sales extracted White Clover in 60-lb. cans reported to bottlers at 10¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Honey flow intermittent as a result of too much cloudy and rainy weather in many sections. It is thought by some that the rain has been instrumental in causing the very heavy swarming in some apiaries; this swarming is about over. The rain has cut the intended buckwheat acreage and the crop will be late. Basswood came on early, and is blooming prolifically, but is not yielding as well as during some years. Honey running unusually light in color this season. European foul brood reported as prevalent in some sections.

Numerous inquiries are being received by some beekeepers for later shipment. Few sales White extracted in 60-lb. cans, 12¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES: Report from Porto Rico indicates that honey is just beginning to come in in the hill districts; and the yield has been poor thus far all over the island. Beekeepers receiving 4¢ per lb., by the barrel.

Shipments from Cuba have fallen off somewhat. One large lot reported going to Antwerp at 57¢ per gal., including cost and freight.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The summer flow is now on in Georgia from cotton and Mexican clover and some surplus is being stored. Honey plants in good condition. Surplus flow nearly over. Some beekeepers report that the remaindor of the yield will be used entirely for increase and for winter stores. A fair demand reported for both the better grades of honey and for queens. Light flow reported from button bush in Louisiana . In Mississippi heavy rains and extremely hot weather have damaged honey plants.

White honey, in barrels and tins, reported selling at 10¢ per lb., Light Amber at 8-9¢, and Amber at 6-8¢. Best yellow beeswax reported selling in Alabama at 21-23¢ per lb., and in Mississippi and Georgia at 25¢.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for July 14.

BOSTON: Since last report 1 car Porto Rico by boat arrived. Demand for extracted honey limited and practically none for comb. Comb honey cleaned up except a little candied stock. Prices show little change.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Cuban and Porto Rican, Amber 80-85¢ per gal., White Sage 15-16¢ per lb. for California stock.

CHICAGO: Since last report 700 lbs. Ill., 200 lbs. Ia. and 4,400 lbs. Colo. arrived. Supplies remain comparatively light. Demand very slow, movement very light. Market dull and about steady on comb, weaker on extracted,- apparently largely a reflection of the weak tone of f.o.b. market.

COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Iowa and Wisconsin, mixed Clovers No. 2, $3.00. Colorado and Arizona, Alfalfa and mixed Clovers No. 1, $4.00-4.25, few $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and bakers- Nevada, White Sweet Clover and Sage mixed 10-10½¢. Arizona, Light Amber Alfalfa and Mountain Flowers 8½¢.

BEESWAX: Supplies light. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to laundry supply houses and wholesale druggists - Colorado, Arizona and Montana, light 31-32¢ dark 28-30¢. Brazilian, light 28-30¢. Central and South American, dark 22-26¢.

CINCINNATI: No carlot arrivals since last report. On account of the refusal of the principal honey and beeswax receivers to furnish the information necessary to report market conditions and prices in Cincinnati accurately and completely, no report can be published for this important honey and beeswax center.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies light. Practically no demand or movement, market dull.

EXTRACTED: No sales reported.

COMB: Sales to jobbers - Idaho, 24-section cases Alfalfa light weight No. 1, $4.00, No. 2, light weight $3.50. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Clover No. 1 new crop $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies very light. Practically no demand. No sales reported.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts very light, foreign receipts limited. Demand limited, movement light, market dull, few sales.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - domestic per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 9-9½¢, White Sage 11-11½¢, few 12¢, White Orange 12-12½¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10-11¢. New York, no sales. South American and West Indian, refined per gal. 65-70¢, mostly 65¢.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand moderate, movement limited, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - South American and Chilean, light 29-30¢, Brazilian, 28-29¢, few 30¢. African, dark 23-25¢, few 26¢. Cuban, light 28-29¢, darker 22-25¢.

PHILADELPHIA: EXTRACTED: Supplies very light. Demand is not active but market is stronger. Few sales to jobbers - San Domingo, Light Amber various flavors 70¢. Porto Rico, Light Amber various flavors 73¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Supplies are light but sufficient for demand, which is slow. Market steady. Sales to manufacturers - per lb., Chilean, yellow 32¢. African, yellow 30¢.

ST. LOUIS: Since last report few lots Southern extracted Light Amber arrived by express amounting to about 5,000 lbs. Since last report demand shows no improvement, continuing light. Practically no movement, market very dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers in 24-section cases - Idaho and California, White Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 medium $5.00-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-per lb. in 5-gal. cans, California Light Amber Alfalfa 7 3/4-9¢.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. No change in market. Ungraded average country run quoted nominally to jobbers at 26¢ per lb.

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BEES, HONEY PLANTS AND HONEY, July 1.
(Based on returns made by thousands of beekeepers, in all parts of the country, to the Division of Crop Estimates)

States	Yield of surplus honey per colony to July 1.			Proportion of crop usually produced to July 1.	Condition of colonies to July 1.			Condition of honey plants to July 1.		
	1922	1921	Average 1916-1921		1922	1921	Average 1916-1921	1922	1921	Average 1916-1921
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Per cent	%	%	%	%	%	%
Maine	17	20	10	20	100	102	89	84	87	87
New Hampshire	20	30	22	48	95	100	89	90	81	85
Vermont	17	21	11	24	93	100	89	95	75	87
Massachusetts	18	31	18	40	94	100	92	91	89	92
Rhode Island	15	3	19	40	96	100	92	91	100	97
Connecticut	15	35	18	30	93	94	90	85	89	92
New York	20	26	17	29	100	95	89	98	72	87
New Jersey	32	26	28	60	94	94	94	92	65	91
Pennsylvania	33	22	22	45	98	88	92	94	63	90
Delaware	15	0	21	70	90	0	92	85	0	88
Maryland	35	17	30	76	98	90	94	90	55	85
Virginia	25	14	25	63	87	79	90	80	55	84
West Virginia	20	20	19	61	95	92	91	87	82	87
North Carolina	22	8	20	63	97	85	92	87	68	84
South Carolina	21	11	23	75	90	88	94	86	70	83
Georgia	20	27	25	70	92	87	91	75	75	82
Florida	45	35	39	65	95	90	91	90	78	84
Ohio	50	50	27	55	99	101	92	90	99	90
Indiana	60	47	24	47	95	98	93	86	90	86
Illinois	45	15	15	38	100	85	87	93	67	82
Michigan	42	38	23	44	98	96	88	100	73	81
Wisconsin	34	25	17	35	97	88	86	97	71	85
Minnesota	24	15	14	29	93	88	88	90	85	83
Iowa	40	24	21	35	91	84	90	82	76	86
Missouri	35	28	18	50	93	90	86	75	84	82
North Dakota	30	0	13	10	100	0	98	100	0	89
South Dakota	20	17	12	20	90	96	92	90	81	93
Nebraska	20	18	13	19	85	87	91	72	82	85
Kansas	24	18	14	40	100	92	87	88	86	79
Kentucky	28	40	29	60	86	95	92	73	89	87
Tennessee	17	30	24	75	93	86	87	82	77	80
Alabama	20	25	23	65	87	87	86	77	76	75
Mississippi	18	26	26	70	77	87	87	59	75	77
Louisiana	45	24	27	75	95	94	96	85	87	94
Texas	25	33	26	65	92	95	89	67	85	70
Oklahoma	30	20	16	44	95	96	89	92	96	84
Arkansas	30	17	21	75	98	85	90	85	70	80
Montana	5	10	8	10	92	90	88	88	92	84
Wyoming	10	8	2	0	87	105	97	85	104	94
Colorado	7	4	4	7	92	91	92	87	93	87
New Mexico	22	18	15	37	94	87	90	95	94	84
Arizona	30	25	35	60	95	90	88	70	70	76
Utah	3	4	6	10	92	94	92	88	95	92
Nevada	25	0	12	10	78	75	82	82	85	81
Idaho	5	4	4	5	87	92	86	98	95	88
Washington	17	10	12	25	89	89	87	86	98	90
Oregon	21	8	14	40	92	90	85	78	75	78
California	44	17	35	60	95	88	90	92	83	76
United States	30.0	23.7	22.5	48.7	93.2	89.8	89.3	83.6	78.6	83.5

-----Note---- The above tabulations will be published also in the July 22 report of "Weather, Crops and Markets", issued by the Department of Agriculture.

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CONDITION OF HONEY PLANTS AND COLONIES, JULY 1.

(According to the thousands of beekeepers who made the reports to the Division of Crop Estimates from which the tabulation on page 3 was prepared.)

The yields of honey per colony of bees to July 1 is reported by the United States Department of Agriculture to be 30 pounds for the United States, compared with 23.7 pounds in 1921 and an average of 22.5 pounds to the same date, in previous years.

Yields in the North Central States have been practically double the usual yields to July 1. Usually slightly less than half the total crop is produced at this date. The strength and healthfullness of the colonies are reported at 93.2 percent of a normal at this time of the year, compared with 89.8 per cent last year and 89.3 percent average. The condition of honey plants is 83.8 percent of normal, compared with 78.6 percent last year and an average of 83.5 percent at this date in former years.

Throughout the Atlantic Coast sections there has been so much rain that bees have been unable to take proper advantage of the heavy white clover bloom. The cold nights and recurring rains interferred also more or less with the secretion of nectar, although the bees have, between showers, succeeded in most sections in laying up a reasonable surplus. On July 1st the prospects in the Central and North Atlantic coast States were very favorable for a big crop, weather permitting, The raspberry bloom in New England is reported as very fine.

In Maryland and adjoining States, the yield has been restricted by frost damage to the bloom, of the tulip, locust, sour wood and fruit trees, although some sections report a very good crop.

In Florida the tupelo yield is very light, but the June flow from citrus has been about the heaviest on record and other honey plants in Southern Florida have yielded well.

In the North Central States the clover bloom has been unusually profuse from the ample moisture and moderate temperature, up to early June, although it was growing hot and dry at the close of June. Portions of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arkansas, however have suffered considerably from droughty conditions. The situation in the States named is very spotted. The basswood (linden) is reported as blooming heavily throughout its range. Milkweed was frosted in Michigan.

In the Southern States the rains of May and June cut the yield considerably. Overflows in Louisiana caused injury to many honey plants. The rains and cold nights in Texas have been unfavorable. Horse-mint, marigold and desert shrubs are reported in poor flower. In the mountain regions of the West the bloom is very late.

In Arizona mesquite and catsclaw have suffered from dryness and the season is late in the irrigated and mountain sections.

In California the orange flow was decreased and the period of flow shortened as a result of the early freeze and the cool weather during bloom. Sage and star-thistle promise very good yields but the non-irrigated plants in the low lands have largely dried up. Alfalfa bloom in that state is reported not as good as usual.

As a result of the long period of wet weather accompanied by good bloom in the Northern and North Eastern States, with resulting heavy brood rearing and confinement of bees to the hives, swarming is reported as excessive throughout that region and to a considerable extent also in the south.

The Division of Crop Estimates will be glad to add to its list of honey bee reporters any bee keepers not already reporting to it. Those reporting will be listed for receipt of reports and publications of the Department relating to bees and honey.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of July):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Demand and movement moderate for carlots, market about steady. Extracted - Carloads f.o.b. usual terms - Fancy Water White Orange and Sage 9 1/4-9 1/2¢, several cars Water White Sage reported at 9¢, Light Amber Sage 6 1/2-7¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 5 1/2¢. For Beeswax, beekeepers reported receiving 22¢ per lb.

Northern California - New crop just starting to move. Market dull and demand light. Nothing being exported at present. Extracted - Hawaiian honey quoted per lb. f.o.b. San Francisco, Water White 6 1/2¢, Light Amber 5 1/2¢, Dark Amber 5 1/4¢, Honey Dew honey 3 3/4¢.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Throughout much of the territory extracting is now going on. Some beekeepers report a heavy surplus but in parts of Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, although recent rains will help the plants, grasshoppers in almost unprecedented quantities are said to have curtailed the yield. Extracting is just beginning in Montana and Idaho, where second flow alfalfa is furnishing a crop of fine quality. Cool weather early in July held up the flow in these States. In the Salt River Valley cotton is reported to be yielding above average and bees which were fed in the Spring are securing a good surplus.

Not much honey sold yet. White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, in 60-lb. cans, reported moving at 8 1/2-10¢ per lb. with sales in smaller containers higher, and a slightly darker grade reported at 8¢. Large lots of Arizona Water White Catclaw have sold at 8 1/2¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans, and Light Amber Catclaw at 6 1/2¢ per lb. Beekeepers in the northern tier of states have been selling to nearby dealers at 8-8 1/2¢ per lb. Few sales No. 1 Comb reported at $3.50-3.80 per case. For Average Yellow beeswax, beekeepers said to be receiving 20-25¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies in good condition and prospects are for an average normal yield. In Oregon the honey is said to be darker than usual with less clover flow, due to the long, dry season. In parts of Washington spray poisoning has curtailed prospects for a bumper crop. Fire Weed flow is starting and furnishing some nectar.

Some sales in 60-lb. cans reported at 10½¢ per lb.; others at 12¢ per lb. in small lots.

TEXAS POINTS: Bees now bringing in nectar from cotton bloom and outlook shows some improvement since last report. The surplus crop is now over in many sections. Crop fairly normal in South Texas, but to the North and West it has generally been a hard year for the bees; crop is far below normal; and many weaker colonies will have to be fed.

Demand for chunk honey said to be falling off, but extracted sales and inquiry improving. Shipments thus far this season have been very light.

Extracted honey 2/60s selling mostly 7-7½¢ per lb., with some sales of light, mild stock high as 9½¢. 6/10s listed mostly at 8½¢. Chunk honey, 6/10s, reported mostly 12½-14¢ per lb. for Light, 11¢ per lb. for Amber. Average beeswax quoted 20-25¢ per lb. to beekeepers.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Yields above normal in amount and of first quality honey, have been reported from many beekeepers in Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin, but cool, windy days during the height of the flow curtailed the crop in some areas. Basswood yielded well in Wisconsin, but rainy weather gave the bees only a few days in which to work on it. Prospects favorable for fall flow.

Honey said to be moving better than a year ago. Market reported firm in Ohio at 10½-12¢ per lb. for No. 1 White Clover in 60-lb. cans with some sales at 15¢. Sales of Locust and White Clover reported in Kentucky at 12½¢ per lb. and of White Raspberry in Wisconsin at 11¢. Clover and Basswood reported sold in Wisconsin at 15¢ at retail for 60-lb. cans, with 11¢ per lb. offered by the carload. No. 1 White Comb reported at $4.20-4.80 per 24-section case in 8-case carrier lots.

PLAINS AREA: Extracting is well under way, and recent rains over much of the territory have put honey plants in condition for an average, normal crop. Sweet clover is reported setting another bloom after the rains. Prospects now good for a fall flow and for next year, as sowings have made well.

Sales of 1921 crop Water White in 60-lb. cans reported at 9 3/4¢ per lb., and of the new crop at 10-12¢ per lb. in small lots. A carlot price of 10¢ per lb. is looked for. Some White Clover comb sold at $4.80 per 24-section case.

CUBA: Large lot shipments in barrels reported to Antwerp at 57¢ per gal. including coast and freight. Local [illegible] price [illegible] per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Excessive rains and cloudy weather in late June and early July cut the crop seriously in many areas from Pennsylvania to northern Vermont. During recent weeks the weather has been more favorable and considerable nectar has been secured. Basswood yielded well in New York. Early honey was rather dark in color and although what is being stored now is lighter, the extracted surplus will be colored by the early stores. [illegible] in New York and Pennsylvania should be on in a couple of weeks, but may be lighter than usual as wet June weather prevented sowing the usual acreage.

Little demand and few offers reported as yet. Small lot sales White Clover in 60-lb. tins reported at 10-11¢ and Buckwheat at 8-10¢ per lb.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Surplus crop largely harvested, but weather conditions point to good late summer flow in Georgia and Alabama from Mexican clover, velvet beans, etc., which should provide ample winter stores and allow for liberal increase. Continued rains and cool weather have proved harmful in some areas, but in Louisiana the heavy rains are prolonging yield from "Black Vine". Little syrup cane reported in Mississippi River overflow area.

Honey moving well in small lots, but little inquiry reported for large shipments. Sales reported - Extracted - White Tupelo in barrels, 10¢ per lb., White Sweet Clover in 5-gal. cans 11¢ per lb., Amber Saw Palmetto in barrels 8 3/4¢ per lb. Fancy Comb honey $4.50, No. 1, $4.00. Beeswax, clean yellow 25¢, black, dirty 20¢ per lb.

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BOSTON: Very light Vermont express receipts since last report. Car new crop California honey enroute. Demand continues light.

COMB: Honey [illegible] uncapped except small lots candied [illegible] took [illegible] few sales, new crop [illegible] to establish market.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Cuban, Porto Rico, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12-14¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: No fresh carlot arrivals of honey. Supplies comparatively light. Demand and movement very light, market steady but quiet.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Colorado and Arizona, White Alfalfa and mixed Clovers No. 1 heavy $4.00-4.25.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and bakers - Arizona, Light Amber Alfalfa and Mountain Flowers 7½-8¢.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand and movement only fair, market about steady. Sales to laundry supply houses and wholesale druggists - Colorado, Arizona, and Montana, Light 31-32¢, Dark 28-30¢. Brazil, Light 28-30¢, Central and South America, Dark 22-26¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies light. Practically no demand or movement, market dull.

EXTRACTED: No sales reported.

COMB: Sales to jobbers - Idaho, 24-section cases Alfalfa, light weight No. 1 old stock $4.00, No. 2 light weight old stock $3.50. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Clover, No. 1 new crop $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals, no cars on track. Supplies very light. Practically no demand. No sales reported.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts light. Foreign receipts limited. Demand limited, market steady, few sales.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - domestic per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8¢, few 8½¢, Light Amber Sage 8½-9¢, White Sage 10½-11½¢, White Orange mostly 11-11½¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10-10½¢, South American and West Indian, refined 65¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand limited, market firm. Spot sales to manufacturers, wholesalers, and drug trade - South America and Chile 28-30¢, Brazil 28-29¢, Cuba Light 27-28¢, slightly Darker 22-24¢, Dark 21¢, Africa Dark 23-24¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Honey receipts include 1440 gallons (about 17,280 lbs.) Florida, 200 gallons (about 2400 lbs.) West Indies. While the demand is rather slow, the market is firm. Sales to manufacturers and jobbers - Florida Fancy Light Amber Orange Blossom, in 60-lb. cans 9½¢ per lb. San Domingo, Amber various flavors, 60-lb. cans 9¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: Practically no supplies, and no demand or sales reported.

ST. LOUIS: No carlot receipts reported since last report. Slight improvement in demand but movement continues very slow and draggy. Market dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - 24-section cases Minnesota White Clover, No. 1 medium $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - California, Light Amber Alfalfa in 5-gal. cans 7½-7 3/4¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: No large receipts since last report. No change in market condition.

IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR JUNE 1922.
(U.S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	Pounds*	Dollars
Canada	912	123
Guatemala	49,200	3,042
Mexico	40,630	1,126
Cuba	4,152	177
Dominican Republic	5,160	243
Greece in Asia	528	61
Hongkong	252	26
TOTAL	100,834	4,798

*Note; Conversions from gallons made on basis of 1 gal. honey= 12 pounds.

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE U. S. FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII
During June, 1922.

Countries	Quantity	Value
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	28,661	1,152
Hawaii	95,106	3,070

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1922

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	Pounds	Dollars
Belgium	31,040	2,427
France	12,040	1,166
Norway	7,915	590
England	12,450	1,606
Canada	31,947	3,385
Honduras	398	49
Mexico	20	10
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,890	113
Brazil	2,775	154
Dutch Guiana	240	31
British India	192	71
Ceylon	60	22
Straits Settlements	18	9
China	2,448	636
Java and Madura	576	226
Other Du. E. Indies	240	102
Hongkong	432	146
Japan	321	96
Philippine Islands	552	214
TOTAL	106,454	11,253

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1922

Countries	Quantity	Value
IMPORTED from	Pounds	Dollars
Belgium	5,203	1,535
France	22,810	6,689
Germany	6,060	877
Italy	11,068	2,516
Netherlands	38,994	12,538
Poland and Danzig	15	9
Portugal	16,760	5,463
England	5	4
Cuba	46,076	10,219
Dominican Republic	1,303	184
Brazil	25,844	4,971
Chile	121,890	27,069
Japan	39	38
TOTAL	296,067	72,112

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1922

Countries	Quantity	Value
EXPORTED to	Pounds	Dollars
Canada	14,892	2,084
Honduras	50	20
Nicaragua	25	15
Mexico	2,256	512
Newfoundland and Labrador	127	36
Cuba	533	104
Chile	30	10
TOTAL	17,915	2,781

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BEST HONEY YEAR IN RECENT TIMES REPORTED IN SOMERSET, ENGLAND

(By American Consul, Bristol, England, March 5, 1922.

Beekeeping is a very considerable industry in the West of England, and the year 1921 will be remembered by Somerset beekeepers as one of the best, if not the best, honey years in recent times. Not only was the honey of exceptional quality throughout the county, but the take per hive was unusually large. In several instances reports were received of over 200 pounds per hive. The Isle of Wight disease was much less in evidence than in previous years and its absence undoubtedly was a contributing cause of the excellent result.

English honey is apt to be of a darker hue, especially when in the comb, than California honey. There is some agitation in favor of a Government requirement that all honey be labelled according to country of origin. The New Zealand honey is apt, for instance, to have a flavor of eucalyptus which is not so palatable to some consumers as the native product. The trade custom is to sell not by the pound, but by the carton containing about 15 oz. and the usual retail price is 1s/4d (about 29.5 cents at present exchange).

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HONEY SITUATION IN BELGIUM

(By Samuel H. Cross, Acting Commercial Attache, Brussels, Belgian, Dec. 13 and 16, 1922.)

According to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, there are in Belgium 34,000 fixed hives producing from 3 to 6 kilograms (6.61 - 13.23 lbs) of honey annually. Only one-third of this production is sold, the remainder being used as food for the swarms. In addition, there are about 27,000 hives with movable frames giving an average annual production of approximately 20 kilograms (44.09 lbs.) of honey per hive, so that the total Belgian production of honey approaches 600,000 kg (1,322,760 lbs.) per year.

The decrease in local consumption of honey is shown by the fact that while in 1913 2404 tons (5,299,858 lbs.) were imported, imports for the first nine months of 1921 amounted to only 646 tons (1,453,372 lbs.). In 1913 practically three-fifths of the supply came from the United States; in 1921 somewhat under one-third of the imports were of American origin.

Owing to the increase in the price of natural honey over pre-war rates, the consumption of honey has been more and more limited in Belgium since the Armistice, and from an article of popular consumption used because cheaper than butter, it has had an increasing tendency to be regarded as a luxury, as prices are considerably above former prices.

The decrease in consumption is due not only to the rising price but also to the increased use of artificial honey in the manufacture of pains d'epices and other cakes. Exports of Belgian pains d'epices had by the end of 1920 practically doubled (especially into France) since the Armistice. Owing to the large number of patissiers engaged in this trade, price competition has lately led to frequent substitution of glucose (artificial honey) for natural honey as an ingredient. The result has been that during the present year the export of Belgian pains d'epices of all grades has shown a distinct falling off, with consequent decreases in importations of honey.

Aside from the drop in consumption caused by the above factors, the market for American honey is also adversely affected by the presence in Antwerp of a stock of about 150,000 tins of extracted honey, now offered at low prices. This stock has been warehoused for an indeterminate period, and popular experience with canned goods of similar origin has been so unfavorable that it is doubtful whether this honey can be disposed of at any price.

Belgian honey is not potted by preserve manufacturers, but usually by the bee keepers associations and federations, of which there is one in practically every province. The principal foreign honeys in jars carried to any extent by Belgium retailers are of French (Breton) or English origin. Retailers state that they rarely carry artificial honey, which is more generally used by bakers and confectioners. One house in Antwerp imports Cuban honey. I am told by retailers that a popular idea exists that American honey is all either artificial or of inferior quality.

The main use of honey, aside from table purposes, is in the manufacture of various varieties of ginger bread, known locally as pain d'epice, conque royal, or conque au miel, and also in making speculaus, which is a sort of hard ginger cocky baked in forms and figures, and much prized by the Belgian people. These cakes have also become something of a luxury..

The usual package for native honey is a small glass jar with a non-screw glass top, the surface of the honey being protected by a sheet of waxed paper. English and French brands are offered in jars with air-tight tin tops, usually with a rubber washer. Any standard glass jar in one-half and one-pound sizes would appear to be satisfactory for the Belgian trade, though tin containers should, it is believed, be avoided for the present owing to unpleasant popular associations with army stock.

The names of the largest distributors of honey in Belgium can be furnished on request to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C.

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HONEY NO. 102.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of August):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California Demand and movement light, market steady Some beekeepers holding for higher prices. General price in carload lots for outside shipments, usual terms basis, per lb. - extracted White Orange 9½-10¢, White Sage 8½-9¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 5 3/4-6¢, Light Amber Sage mostly 7¢.

Northern California Demand and movement light. New crop reported to be of fair size but not yet on market in sufficient quantity to stabilize prices. Prices f.o.b. San Francisco in carlots range, per lb., Water White Sage 9½¢, White Sage 9¢, Light Amber Sage 7½-8¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6-6½¢. Hawaiian honey quoted per lb. f.o.b. San Francisco, Water White 6½¢, Light Amber 5½¢, Dark Amber 5¼¢, Honey Dew honey 3 3/4¢.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Crop in this territory decidedly spotted. Good honey flow reported in Northeastern Colorado and Eastern Washington, but most producing areas are said to be securing less than average yields. Parts of Utah and Idaho report poorest crop outlook in years, due to grasshopper infestation, large army crickets, wild bees and drouth; others report good yield. The weather has been too cool in Northern Sections to permit best nectar secretion.

Demand reported rather quiet, with little marketed to August 1. Some carlots White Extracted offered at 8½¢ per lb., with few sales. Small lots generally selling higher. Some beekeepers said to be accepting 7½¢ per lb. from nearby dealers for White to Water White, but most are holding for higher price. White comb reported purchased at $3.75-3.85 per case for White and $3.50 for Light Amber.

In Salt River Valley, Arizona, the flow of honey is reported very erratic. Only fair crop expected, but flavor and color are said to be unusually good. Surplus to date chiefly secured from alfalfa; little gathered from cotton. Car Catclaw reported sold, 8½¢ per lb. for Water White and 6½¢ for Light Amber.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees reported building up well for winter. In some of the apple sections nectar flow said to be very heavy, with surplus of 200 lbs. per colony secured; in other sections surplus of 50-75 lbs. is considered average. As usual, spray poisoning has proved destructive to bees in some sections. Sales in 60-lb. cans reported ranging 11 1/3-15¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: As the long drouth continues, the crop outlook becomes increasingly less promising; Crop estimated less than 1/3 normal. Many bee men are reported to be leaving all honey on the hives to provide for winter needs. If rain should come, some surplus may be secured for extracting. Cotton said to be about only plant from which honey is being secured. Poison used for boll weevil does not seem to affect bees.

Prevailing prices for 60-lb. cans White Extracted, 2 cans in case, 7½¢, 6/10s, 8½¢ per lb., Amber Extracted 2/60s, 6½¢. White Chunk honey, 6/10s, 13½¢, 12/5s, 14½¢ per lb. Beeswax 22-23¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Reports are general that, due to drouth, cool weather and cool winds, the crop has been less than anticipated. Many beekeepers, however, have had a continuous light yield all summer, sufficient to keep queens laying. Goldenrod flow should commence yielding late in August. Queen breeders report good business.

Honey seems to be moving slowly as yet. Two carloads White Clover extracted in 60-lb. cans reported sold at 11¢ per lb. Other large lot sales range 10-12¢, with small lots in 60-lb. cans moving up to 15¢ per lb. Sales of Dark Amber reported at 7½-8¢ per lb. Some small-lot sales No. 1 White Clover comb reported at $3.50-4.00 per 24-section case, others quoted up to $6.00 per case.

PLAINS AREA: Main flow is generally over, although recent rains are prolonging it in some sections. Hubam sweet clover said to be still yeilding well. Quality reported unusually good, with crop about average.

Carlot inquiry reported light, but some honey being sold locally. One carlot sale of Clover reported at 11¢ per lb., with other sales in 60-lb. cans ranging 10-15¢. Few sales Clover comb reported $4.80-5.00 per 24-section case.

WEST INDIES:

PORTO RICO: South Coast said to be extremely dry, resulting in a probable poor yeild; in the hill districts honey is reported coming in slowly. In 50-gal. bbls. honey is quoted at 3½¢ per lb.

CUBA: Beekeepers being paid 3½¢ per lb., and dealers reported receiving 4½¢ per lb. in barrels. Large shipment reported to Holland at 60¢ per gal., including cost and freight.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: White honey crop in New York about 50% (reports range from 25 to 65%) normal. Pennsylvania crop reported about 1/3. Buckwheat is in bloom in Pennsylvania and bees should gather nectar from it continuously until frost. In New York the buckwheat crop was sown the latest in years, and fears are expressed that the honey yield will be light. Comb honey crop said to be smaller than average in spite of big return to its production this year. Some Pennsylvania apiaries changing hands at about $4.00 per colony.

Carlot sales of White Clover extracted reported at 10¢ per lb., with small lots in 60-lb. cans at 12¢, and Amber honey at 7¢ per lb. Carlots of White Clover comb are reported moving at $5.00 per 24-section case, with small lot sales $4.80-6.00. Some beekeepers selling to nearby dealers at 10¢ per lb for White Clover extracted, 6¢ for Dark, and $4.50 per case for White Clover Comb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Daily showers recently have interfered with nectar flow and yield in Georgia and Florida, and crop outlook is only fair. Outlook said to be excellent in Mississippi and Louisiana. In overflow area of latter state cow peas were largely planted, and a good flow from this plant and from heartsease is looked for. Some bee men in Alabama do not expect any surplus at all this year due to extreme weather conditions. Prospects good in Alabama for package bees in the spring.

The prevailing price for White honey in barrels or 60-lb. tins is 10¢ a lb., with Light Amber around 8¢. Some sales reported higher. White comb is generally listed at $4.50 per 24-section case, with Amber at $4.00. A good demand is reported for chunk comb at 12½-15¢ per lb. for very best grade.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers. Market reports are for August 14 or 15.

BOSTON: 1 car Calif., 8 cases Vt. and 50 cases N.Y. arrived. Demand light, which is usual at this season.

COMB: Practically cleaned up, few sales reported of New Crop New York in 24-section cases at $5.50-5.75.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers - Cuba and Porto Rico, Amber 80-85¢ per gal. California, White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12-14¢ per lb. Broker quotations, for August and September shipments, delivered Boston basis - California Light Amber Alfalfa 7c, White Sage 10-11¢.

CHICAGO: No fresh carlot arrivals. Supplies moderate. Movement rather active last week with cool weather prevailing, but last few days rather slow with return of hot weather. Market holding generally steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, candy manufacturers and bakers - California and Nevada, per lb., Light Amber mixed Mountain Flowers and some straight Alfalfa 8-9¢, with occasional sale low as 7½¢. Nevada and Montana, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 9½-11¢, mostly around 10¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Iowa and Colorado, Sweet Clover and Mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 heavy $4.00-4.25.

BEESWAX: Moderate receipts. Market holding firm with fair trading. Sales to wholesale druggists and laundry supply houses, per lb. - Colorado, California and Utah, Light 29-31¢, Dark 25-28½¢; Central and South American, Light 23-27¢, some very best 29¢, Dark 20-23¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand and movement light, market dull.

EXTRACTED: No sales reported.

COMB: Sales to jobbers - Colorado, 24-section cases, Alfalfa Light Weight No. 1 old stock $4.00. Missouri, 24-section cases, White Clover Heavy No. 1, new crop $5.50.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts very light, foreign receipts limited. Demand and movement light, market rather dull.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers domestic, per lb. - California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 8-9¢, White Sage 10½-11¢, White Orange 11½-12½¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. South America and West Indies, refined 60-70¢, mostly 65¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand limited, movement light, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade, per lb. - South American, Chilian, and Brazilian, Light 28-30¢, Cuban, Light 28-29¢, Dark 22-25¢, African, Dark mostly 23-25¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Honey receipts include 540 gal. (6480 lbs.) Southern Georgia and Florida. Demand rather limited, but stocks are held firmly. Sales to manufacturers and jobbers - Florida, various flavors, Light Amber 75¢, Amber 73¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Supplies moderate but with a very good demand the market is generally strong. Sales to manufacturers, per lb. - Chilean, Light 30-32¢, Brazilian Light 28-30¢, African, Dark 24-25¢.

ST. LOUIS: Demand and movement very slow and draggy, market very dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover No. 1 medium $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-California, 5-gal. cans Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-7 3/4¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: Ungraded average country run quoted nominally 25¢ per lb. to jobbers.

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HONEY NO. 103

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of August)

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Season's flow about over, with some factors estimating yield at 70-80% of normal. Other estimates range lower. Quality generally good. Demand slow, market dull, with very few sales. Carlots f.o.b. usual terms, for outside shipment, quoted per lb., White Orange 9-9½¢, Light Amber Sage 6 1/4-6 3/4¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6-6½¢. Beekeepers receiving 20¢ per lb. cash for beeswax.

Northern California - Market unsettled. Demand and movement light. Some inquiries from Europe but few sales. Adverse weather curtailing alfalfa yield. Hawaiian honey quoted per lb., f.o.b. San Francisco, Water White 6½¢, Light Amber 5½¢, Dark Amber 5 1/4¢, Honey Dew honey 3 3/4¢. Guatemala honey quoted at 6½¢ per lb. f.o.b. San Francisco.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Crop very spotted over entire area. Excellent crop reports in some valleys which secured good early rains, but in general, honey crops way below normal are indicated, with some localities usually producing large quantities low in output this year. Parts of Idaho and Utah report 60% normal crop, with other sections only 40-50%. The Montana yield will be materially less than earlier reports indicated - perhaps less than half a crop. Nevada and parts of Colorado have widely varying yields. Bees in the Salt River Valley are working some on cotton, but only light crop expected.

Short crop attributed to weak colonies at start of flow, short season, failure of clover to secrete as well as normal, grasshoppers, weevils, crickets and swarms of wild bees, as well as to unfavorable weather during August. Bees in parts of Idaho reported sealing thin combs.

Demand has been generally light, with few large sales reported. White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover in 60-lb. cans generally ranged 9-10¢ per lb., some 8-8½¢, and $4.00-4.25 per case for No. 1 comb honey. Beekeepers selling to nearby dealers at 8-9¢ per lb., some low as 7¢. In Salt River Valley beekeepers reported holding Light Amber for 6¢ per lb. Beeswax sales reported at 20¢ cash or 23¢ per lb. in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Crop yield reported generally good, with production in Yakima Valley above normal. Large lot sales in 60-lb. cans reported at 10¢ per lb., with higher prices for honey in smaller containers. Medium beeswax selling at 21¢ cash per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Conditions still very unfavorable, due to such dry and hot weather that few plants are blooming and secreting nectar. Bees are therefore storing very little nectar. Some beekeepers report that prospects are for a half crop; others one-third, and in some areas practically no surplus is looked for.

Demand is reported as very light, with few shipments being made. White extracted in 60-lb. cans quoted at 8½¢ per lb., Light Amber at 7½¢, with White chunk, 6/10s at 13½-14¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Long-continued drouth has curtailed yield and weakened prospects for a fall flow from aster, goldenrod and heartsease, except in marshes and other low areas. Crop in Ohio not so large as first anticipated, but Indiana reports fair, and Michigan and Wisconsin report good yields. Colonies generally strong and raising enough young bees for winter.

Abundance of fruit, extremely hot weather, and railroad strike contributing towards a dull market. Few sales extracted in 60-lb. cans of White Clover and Basswood reported at 11-12½¢ in large lots and up to 15¢ at retail, and some large sales reported low as 10¢. White Clover and Locust said to range 12½-15¢ per lb. Sales of Amber honey reported at 9½-10¢. No. 1 comb quoted from $4.50-5.50 per 24-section case, and Amber comb at $4.00-4.50.

PLAINS AREA: A larger yield than last year's is reported over most of the area, in spite of early drouth in some states. One Illinois beekeeper, with a large acreage in Bubam clover, reports taking off 550 lbs. thus far from some colonies, with prospects for 450 lbs. total.

Few offers thus far, due partly to railroad strike. One recent car White extracted reported sold at 9½¢ per lb.; other sales reported at 10-11¢, and in single cases at 15¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Buckwheat flow good, although effected somewhat by drouth. Some Pennsylvania colonies reported to have stored 100 lbs. from buckwheat during August, with prospects of flow continuing until frost. If early frost does not come, crop from fall flowers will be large. Brood-rearing very heavy. Vermont yield good this season from raspberry and basswood; but curtailed on clover by cold and rain. Few large sales White Clover extracted reported at 10-12¢ per lb., with smaller lots at 13-15¢ per lb. White comb reported selling at $4.80 per 24-section case.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Colonies throughout the Southeast are in good condition. Nectar flow and yield fair. Frequent showers have interfered with nectar flow and have been too abundant for field crops but have improved plant conditions and will insure a good fall flow from "Mexican Clover." Bees likely to have abundant stores for winter.

Demand improving, especially for comb honey, supply of which is becoming light. White honey in 3¼-gal. bbls. and 60-lb. cans has been selling at 10¢ per lb., Light Amber at 8¢, and Dark Amber at 6¢. White comb, in 24-section cases, quoted at $4.50 per case, and Light Amber at $4.00. Sales of chunk comb honey reported at 12½¢ per lb. Yellow beeswax has moved at 25¢ per lb., dark and dirty at 20¢.

PORTO RICO: Although crop curtailed somewhat by dry weather, the season is expected to be better than 1921. Honey is reported coming in to dealers from the south, east, and central parts of the island. Extracted honey quoted at 5½¢ per lb. f.o.b.

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BOSTON: Since last report the equivalent of 1 car Porto Rico honey arrived via New York City. Market for extracted honey continues quiet but steady. Almost no demand for comb honey.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, very few sales, new crop 24-section cases $5.00-5.50, mostly $5.00, carton stock $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bottlers- Porto Rico and Cuba, Amber 82-85¢ per gal. California, White Orange and Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12-14¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Colo., 1 car Wyo., 4,000 lbs. Ia. and 5,000 lbs. Wis. arrived. Demand and movement has improved slightly on extracted but comb is still quite slow and weak.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, bakers and candy manufacturers- per lb., Colorado and Wyoming, mixed Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, white 9½-10¢, Light Amber 8¢. California, White Mountain Flowers 9-9½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Colorado, mixed Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1 white heavy $4.00-4.25, No. 2, dark and light weight $3.00.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Market generally steady. Sales to laundry supply houses and wholesale druggists - per lb., California and Colorado, light 31-32¢, dark 28-30¢. Brazil and best Central America, light 28-30¢. Africa, mostly dark 18-22¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand and movement light, market weak. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: No sales reported.

COMB: 24-section cases Missouri, White Clover No. 1 heavy, new crop $4.50. Local supplies of Western stock practically cleaned up.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies very light. Practically no demand. Too few sales to establish market.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts light, foreign receipts limited. Demand light, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- domestic per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 7½-8½¢, few 9¢, White Sage 10-11¢, White Orange 11-12¢, few 12½¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. South America and West Indies, refined 65-70¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies light. Demand limited, market steady. New Yorks, cases White Clover $5.00-6.00.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts moderate. Demand light, market dull and slightly weaker. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South America, Chili and Brazil, light 24-27¢, few 28¢. Cuba, light 22-24¢, few 25¢, dark mostly 20¢. West Indies, dark 16-19¢. African, dark 20-23¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Practically no arrivals since last report. No sales of honey reported.

BEESWAX: Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to manufacturers- per lb., Chili, light 30-31¢. Brazil, light 28-30¢. Africa, dark 24-25¢.

ST. LOUIS: No carlot receipts reported since last report. Demand slow, practically no movement. Market dull account weather.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- 24-section cases Colorado, No. 1, White $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- California, Light Amber various flavors 6-7¢, some 8¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. Practically no demand or movement. Ungraded average country run nominally 25¢ per lb. to jobbers.

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EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922 BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL POUNDS	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
United Kingdom	985,711	18,096	225	106,010	39,076	201,064	93,280	90,250	74,390	100,239	125,583	123,048	12,450
Netherlands	333,224	90,280	1,890	97,955	18,120	5,280	10,620	15,886		78,985		14,208	
Germany	311,324	26,931	51,675	108,467	75,377	47,063			1,547	24	60	180	
Denmark	101,866		56,394			34,952		10,500		20			
Italy	69,935		69,860								75		
France	64,892							29,586		23,266			12,030
Belgium	54,958										23,018		31,940
Norway	23,355	40			13,000						2,400		7,915
Sweden	840									840			
Other European Countries	209			13						140		56	
Canada	383,993	4,008	7,680	54,252	147,168	7,265	11,353	2,197	59,575	19,684	15,779	23,085	31,947
Newfoundland & Labrador	7,148	1,631		252		51		1,452			1,824	48	1,890
Mexico	8,099	1,400	125	600		1,770	3,728	122	98		236		20
Honduras	2,234	248	158	38	54	164	288	20	314	105	192	255	398
Panama	1,472	24	24	24	100	600	60			600		40	
Cuba	600			170		220	160		50				
Other West Indies	829			96	72	200	178		103	180			
Brazil	3,340						565						2,775
Peru	1,240			600	640								
British India	7,231	72		816	864	930	2,504	437	720	96	480	120	192
Columbia	1,126				65	980					81		
Dutch Guiana	480						120			120			240
China	18,921	420	891	788	2,690	660	1,671	1,425	672	3,066	3,401	789	2,448
Hongkong	4,744		126	142	1,421	513	720	438	216	235	501		432
Japan	3,942	732	360	180	755	120	410	164			180	720	321
Straits Settlements	2,558	336		816	696		360	120		44	168		18
Philippine Islands	8,311	96	232	312	576	120	1,874	994	240	1,060	1,128	1,127	552
Dutch East Indies	4,258		658	120	408		1,560			37	696		816
Other Countries	2,862	63	42	156	768	209		96	121	357	138	72	60
TOTALS	2,406,922	144,977	180,340	371,807	301,850	302,161	129,451	153,687	138,046	229,081	175,940	163,748	106,454

NOTE: The total, 2,406,922 lbs. of exports for the fiscal year 1921-1922, compares with a total of 1,112,015 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and with a total of 1,880,511 lbs. for the calendar year 1921.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

(Conversion made on basis of 12 pounds to 1 gallon)

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Cuba	1,368,144	75,792	720	45,012	41,472	95,292	74,424	65,184	256,080	322,380	339,756	47,880	4,152
Dominican Republic	356,784	131,508	70,956	56,196	73,464		15,840		3,660				5,160
Haiti	12,228			3,456		5,520		3,252					
British West Indies	13,680		480			240		12,000					
Mexico	133,044		8,640	9,360		9,144		60		120	960		
Guatemala	310,896	62,520	38,748	25,908	20,220	18,600	19,248		5,856	22,596	38,520	26,520	40,680
Honduras	16,200								3,000	13,200		48,000	49,200
Costa Rica	3,372				612	60	2,640		60				
Chile	265,296		8,232	20,436	189,384	36,888	600	8,604		1,152			
Canada	57,144	1,224	5,160	7,440	19,644	5,964	5,160	1,428	3,252	5,412	984	564	912
United Kingdom	144				48	72				24			
France	1,128				300	528					96	204	
Netherlands	12	12											
Italy	804			552				180					
Greece	14,652				948	8,244	4,584	252	624			72	
Turkey in Europe	360					360							
Palestine & Syria	876		120				312	444					
Greece in Asia	528												
Hongkong	492	180											
New Zealand	456									60			528
French Oceania	192		192				180						252
Australia	108	96										276	
TOTAL	2,556,540	271,332	133,248	168,360	346,092	180,912	122,988	91,404	272,532	364,944	380,328	123,516	100,884

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922

	TOTAL	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY.	JUNE
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Porto Rico	1,092,266	54,814	62,309	138,206	207,260	214,307	92,536	55,239	118,372	42,214	32,292	46,056	28,661
Hawaii	1,402,087	11,885	25,100	195,205	157,366	20,465	236,564	137,363	20,201	35,734	189,212	277,286	95,106
TOTAL	2,494,353	66,699	87,409	333,411	364,626	234,772	329,100	193,202	138,573	77,948	221,504	323,342	123,767

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of September)

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Honey flow in Southern California curtailed after orange flow by drouth. Crop alfalfa honey light due to damage to crop in Northern Section by adverse weather conditions and to reduction of acreage in Southern California.

Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Carloads f.o.b. usual terms - per lb., extracted: White Orange mostly 9½¢, White Sage 8-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 6½-7¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 1/4-6½¢. Comb: Buyers reported offering $2.70 per case for carlots f.o.b. Inyo County points, but no large sales reported.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Season practically over, although some beekeepers are removing supers to permit bees to fill up brood chambers with any remaining honey which may be secured. Due to long summer drouth many sections secured little honey after July. Grasshoppers have been generally harmful. Utah beekeepers especially complain of enormous quantities of a ground bee which has gathered most available nectar. Bees in Arizona now said to be making honey fast from cotton. Crop for the section as a whole far below normal. Many reports of a 50-60% crop, or less, received.

Demand reported very slow and lighter than last year. Color of honey generally very good. A few carlot sales of White Clover and Alfalfa extracted reported at 7 3/4¢, 8 1/4¢ and 8½¢ per lb., with less-than-carlot sales up to 10¢ per lb. Beekeepers have sold to local dealers as low as 6 2/3-7¢ per lb. Small lot sales No. 1 comb reported around $3.75-4.50 per case, few reported lower. Beeswax sales reported at 20¢ per lb. cash, 23-25¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Extracting is well along. Flow from fireweed has been exceptionally good. Less loss than usual from spray poisoning and weevils in some sections. Bees going into winter in excellent shape.

Large lot sales of White honey in 60-lb. cans have recently been made at 9-10¢ per lb., and in single-can lots at 11¢. Few sales Fancy and No. 1 White comb reported at $4.00-4.50 per 24-section case.

TEXAS POINTS: Little change in record-breaking drouthy conditions except where local showers have given partial relief. Fair to normal surplus promised for the cotton area, but in mesquite and chapparel country hardly 1/3 crop secured, and many beekeepers have scarcely enough honey to winter on.

Demand poor, even considering the small crop. White extracted in 60-lb. cans quoted at 7½-8½¢ per lb., with White chunk in 6/10s,-listed at 12½-13½¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Crop very spotted. Recent showers have improved condition of nectar-bearing plants in some sections, and a good fall flow from goldenrod and asters, with light smartweed flow, is expected in low areas and along river bottoms. The hot, dry weather in many sections has injured clover prospects for 1923.

Demand has been light, due partly to abundance of fruit and to strikes. White extracted, including Clover, Raspberry and Basswood, selling in carlots at 10¢ per lb., and in less-than-carlot quantities at 10½-12¢ per lb., with single 60-lb. cans up to 15¢. White Comb, in 24-section cases, ranges $4.00-4.80 per case.

PLAINS AREA: In spite of drouth, reports indicate a larger than average yield in all states. Late rains may make a late fall flow but prospects are for light fall yield. Recent less-than-carlot sales of White extracted in 60-lb. cans reported at 10-12¢ per lb., with few sales reported low as 9¢ per lb., and one carlot sales of Water White Clover at 9½¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Recent drouth has curtailed drop in eastern New York and Pennsylvania, but buckwheat flow reported fairly large in western portion of area. More rain needed if fall flow from aster and goldenrod is to be important. Comb crop especially light. Few sales White Clover in 60-lb. cans at 10-12½¢ per lb., with Buckwheat around 6½-8¢ per lb, White comb range $4.25-5.25 per 24-section case.

WEST INDIES: PORTO RICO: Heavy rains are damaging to blossoms in the hill districts. Crop yield little better than last year, but still poor. Amber in 50-gal. bbls. listed at 3½¢ per lb.

CUBA: Heavy shipments reported to Holland at 60¢ per gal. including cost and freight. Local beekeepers receiving 4 1/4¢ per lb. for extracted and 21¢ per lb. for beeswax.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Fall flow now on and promises well from velvet beans, "Mexican clover," heartsease and bitterweed. In the overflow area of Louisiana, unusually large acreages were planted to cowpeas, which are now furnishing nectar. Record-breaking frequency of summer rains in some sections.

White extracted in 60-lb. cans and 34-gal. bbls. generally selling at 10¢ per lb., some low as 9¢, Light Amber 8¢, Amber 6¢. White heavy comb ranges $4.50-5.00 per 24-section case, with No. 1 Light $4.00. Few sales chunk honey reported at 12-1/2¢ per lb. Beeswax ranges 22-25¢ per lb. for yellow and 18-20¢ for dark.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Since last report equivalent 1 small car from Porto Rico via New York arrived.

COMB: Very little demand. Sales to retailers - New York, very few sales, new crop 24-section cases White Clover $6.00-6.50, mostly $6.00, carton stock $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Market quiet but steady. Porto Rico honey is slightly higher. Sale to confectioners and bottlers - Porto Rico Amber 88-94¢ per gal. California, White Orange and White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12-14¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Utah, 1 car Calif., 4,000 lbs. Colo., 93,000 lbs. Wis. arrived. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Slight improvement noted in demand, particularly for extracted. Sales to retailers -

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, Iowa and Wisconsin, Clover and Mixed Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, heavy $4.00-4.25, No. 1 light weight $3.00-3.50, No. 2 heavy $3.00-3.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, bakers, and confectionery manufacturers-per lb., Colorado and Utah, Alfalfa and Mixed Alfalfa and Clovers, White 9-1/2-10-1/2, Light Amber 8-8-1/2¢. California, White Mixed Mountain Flowers, 9-1/2-10¢. Wisconsin and Michigan, White Clovers 10-10-1/2¢, few sales 11¢.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate, Market steady. Sales to wholesale druggists and laundry supply houses - California and Colorado, Light 30-32¢, Dark 27-30¢. South American, principally Brazil, Light 27-30¢, Dark 20-23¢.

KANSAS CITY: Since last report - 1 car Nev. 1 car Colo. arrived. Supplies moderate, Demand and movement moderate, market dull on comb, steady on extracted. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-sections Cols. Alfalfa, light weight No. 1 new stock $4.25-4.75. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Clover No. 1 new crop $5.00-5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: 1 car from Hawaii arrived. Demand light, movement improving, market unsettled, wide range in prices. Sales to retailers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, White Orange and Colorado White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, movement light 11-12-1/2¢ per lb. New crop Hawaii, White, movement moderate 10¢ per lb. Minnesota, White Clover and Wisconsin Basswood 12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases No. 1 White $4.50, Minnesota, demand and movement improving 24-section cases No. 1 White $5.25-5.50, few $6.00.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts limited, foreign receipts moderate. Supply limited. Demand and movement limited, market rather dull.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - Domestic, per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, White Sage 9-1/2-10-1/2, White Orange, mostly 11-11-1/2¢, few 12¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 9-1/2-10¢, few 10-1/2¢. South American and West Indies refined, 65-75¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts moderate. Supplies liberal. Demand limited, movement light, market dull. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers, and drug trade - Chili, Light 28-30¢, Brazil, Light 26-27¢. Cuba, Light 24-27¢, few high as 28¢, Dark 19-20¢. West Indies, Dark 18-20¢. Africa, Dark 20-21¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts include 50 barrels Mexico and 10 barrels Porto Rico. Supplies sufficient to supply trade, but demand generally good with market stronger.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bakers and manufacturers - Mexico, Light Amber various flavors 81¢ per gal. Porto Rico, Amber various flavors 83¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Practically no arrivals since last report. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to manufacturers - Per lb. Chili, Light 30-32¢. Brazil, Light 28-30¢. Africa, Dark 24-25¢.

ST. LOUIS: No carlot receipts reported since last report. Demand and movement very slow, market dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - 24-section cases Colorado No. 1 White Clover $6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - California, Light Amber 8¢ per lb. Southern, Light Amber various flavors 6-7¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. No change in market. Demand and movement very light. Ungraded average country run wax nominally 25¢ per lb. to jobbers.

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IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922 BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	1921 JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	1922 JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Portugal	1,151,109		112,898	163,246	95,413	158,708	145,108	156,747	123,868	26,647	17,232	134,482	16,760
Germany	271,556	8,205			2,200	12,300	7,508	15,328	57,646	108,410	25,088	28,811	6,060
Netherlands	168,326	47,655	5,747	12,000	4,795	14,303	4,631	9,929	4,400	11,814	11,061	2,997	38,994
England	112,854	12,600		59,496		2,860	28	6,720	6,401	224		24,520	5
France	101,445		10,488	23,156	9,925	5,586			4,910	3,500	5,323	15,747	22,810
Italy	11,495										427		11,068
Belgium	7,578				2,375								5,203
Canada	38,192	500	23,213	500	140	500	204		300	292		12,543	
Mexico	4,387		1,982		205				2,200				
Cuba	331,070	16,211		2,211	539	25,162	8,876	17,642	37,456	110,352	31,660	34,885	46,076
Dominican Republic	30,837	441	180	1,745	8,818	942	5,245	1,131	476	893	4,426	5,237	1,303
Other West Indies	2,300				311	894	1,095						
Chile	495,341	11,713	84,612	101,286	36,471	8,425	11,548	6,568	14,450	2,902	16,118	79,360	121,890
Brazil	306,253	40,263	42,181	136,689	43,633	4,455	24,453	5,720	7,120	37,746	18,144		25,844
French Africa	12,705		12,705										
Aden	35,022	154				22,674		12,194					
British India	22,400										22,400		
Japan	11,239										11,200		39
Other Countries	2,774				1,504			955				300	15
TOTALS	3,196,883	137,742	294,006	500,329	206,729	256,309	208,699	232,934	259,227	302,780	163,079	338,682	295,067

In addition to the above, shipments of Beeswax to the U. S. from Porto Rico amounted to 17,377 lbs., and from Hawaii to 11,148 lbs.

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE U. S. DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922 BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATIONS.

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL	1921 JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	1922 JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Canada	60,843	1,519	2,857	1,552	2,089	1,706	937	436	6,342	9,567	7,990	10,956	14,892
Mexico	23,471	1,178	1,284	4,543	5,010	2,770	1,000	98	1,850	3,444	56		2,258
West Indies	3,689		200		28	106	202		418		2,182	20	533
Argentina	2,268									2,268			
Brazil	1,548	100	200		30							1,218	
United Kingdom	4,078							659		3,419			
Australia	2,522					1,862		300			360		
Other Countries	5,056	25	260	416	309	295	861	527	405	580	210	1,026	232
TOTALS	103,475	2,822	4,781	6,511	7,466	6,649	3,000	2,020	9,015	19,278	10,798	13,220	17,915

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-- From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce --

HONEY BEES AND HONEY PLANTS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1922.
(Based on returns by thousands of beekeepers, in all parts of the country, to the Division of Crop Estimates.)

State	Average yield to Sept. 1 of surplus honey, per colony (spring count)			Per cent of total surplus honey usually produced by Sept. 1	Condition of Colonies Sept. 1 compared with normal strength and healthfulness at this date			Condition of fall honey plants Sept. 1 compared with normal		
	1922	1921	average 1916 1920		1922	1921	average 1916 1920	1922	1921	average 1916 1920
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	per cent	%	%	%	%	%	%
Maine	30	35	35	82	95	96	93	90	81	91
New Hampshire	32	34	36	90	85	98	93	80	82	90
Vermont	45	53	46	96	97	102	95	90	91	85
Massachusetts	31	36	36	77	96	97	95	94	94	96
Rhode Island	50	0	42	97	99	97	100	105	102	100
Connecticut	35	39	42	85	90	98	95	90	91	95
New York	51	60	57	89	95	95	97	90	85	90
New Jersey	33	38	39	89	91	95	95	80	90	93
Pennsylvania	41	40	46	82	93	95	96	85	85	94
Delaware	20	0	22	85	100	-	93	100	-	88
Maryland	30	27	50	93	93	92	93	79	75	88
Virginia	30	17	38	90	90	83	94	83	53	86
West Virginia	28	32	33	89	92	96	96	81	85	88
North Carolina	24	12	30	90	88	82	92	81	65	91
South Carolina	19	14	26	80	95	83	90	80	90	85
Georgia	27	29	29	86	89	90	90	84	82	83
Florida	55	36	55	94	95	91	94	90	78	89
Ohio	45	70	41	90	86	99	93	80	87	75
Indiana	53	57	35	80	97	98	93	69	94	79
Illinois	65	35	38	77	96	83	90	68	67	69
Michigan	56	65	49	91	94	100	94	78	100	73
Wisconsin	65	37	52	94	94	91	95	77	70	79
Minnesota	54	54	56	86	91	94	96	61	79	80
Iowa	70	40	57	90	94	91	92	85	71	77
Missouri	60	37	34	79	94	91	87	75	86	71
North Dakota	-	-	44	99	-	-	92	-	-	86
South Dakota	85	74	69	92	90	99	98	85	94	82
Nebraska	58	55	46	92	96	90	88	74	85	69
Kansas	45	43	29	87	93	95	92	63	69	60
Kentucky	40	43	32	80	98	88	90	88	79	81
Tennessee	15	23	26	84	85	84	88	78	80	81
Alabama	30	28	33	91	92	90	91	70	78	81
Mississippi	30	36	30	90	88	90	86	70	78	77
Louisiana	45	57	36	95	89	94	96	80	80	91
Texas	22	50	37	85	84	90	85	48	65	67
Oklahoma	40	28	32	86	85	93	89	62	62	63
Arkansas	35	30	24	84	90	90	82	70	75	72
Montana	60	70	85	91	90	96	98	69	60	84
Wyoming	65	80	89	88	88	100	94	82	85	89
Colorado	45	46	51	93	96	94	96	79	83	88
New Mexico	65	45	48	82	94	93	95	65	93	87
Arizona	42	46	62	94	91	99	98	86	85	87
Utah	50	60	78	93	90	94	95	79	95	86
Nevada	47	85	60	-	95	95	95	65	100	72
Idaho	65	80	60	97	96	92	94	90	90	87
Washington	75	50	53	92	98	90	93	85	90	87
Oregon	80	55	50	95	98	97	94	85	68	80
California	74	32	58	94	93	88	89	78	72	71
United States	50.0	40.5	42.7	87.1	95.1	90.9	93.2	76.8	77.9	78.7

Note: The above tabulations will be published also in the September 1o report of "Weather, Crops and Markets," issued by the Department of Agriculture.

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NEW IMPORT DUTIES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 21

On September 21, President Harding signed the Fordney-McCumber Tariff Bill, and the new rates became effective at midnight of that date. As provided in the Bill, all honey coming into the United States from foreign countries now carries an import duty of 3¢ per lb. This supplants the import duty of 10¢ per gallon which had been in effect since the enactment of the 1913 Tariff Bill.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of September)

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Much honey still in hands of beekeepers, many of whom are holding for higher prices, especially on orange. Colonies in good condition for winter. Carlot demand light, movement limited, market generally steady. Firmer feeling on lower grades account recent tariff increases. Carlots f.o.b. usual terms- extracted; per lb.; White Orange 9-9½¢, White Sage 8 1/4-8½¢, Light Amber Sage 6½-7¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 1/4-6½¢. Beeswax: cash to beekeepers mostly 20¢ per lb. Comb: carlot sale Inyo Co stock reported at $2.70 per case to growers.

Northern California - Up to September 1 only half crop of Star Thistle had been gathered, but with warmer weather honey has continued to come in during the month. Carlot offers made of 7½¢ per lb., f.o.b. shipping points, for Star Thistle but beekeepers holding for higher prices. Few sales reported at 8-9¢. Hawaiian imports have been heavy during September. Demand and movement good. Quotations: White, 6½¢ per lb., Light Amber 5½-5 3/4¢, Amber 5¢, f.o.b. San Francisco.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: A little honey was gathered in September from third crop alfalfa. Some sections report heavy production of comb honey, and in western Colorado the yield of comb is estimated as twice that of 1921. Cotton yielding only lightly in Arizona.

Although numerous carlots of both comb and extracted have been sold, demand is said to be far less and buying much less active than a year ago, in spite of practically bare markets. A carlot sale of White Sweet Clover reported in Wyoming at 8 1/4¢ per lb. and several sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa in Colorado at 7½¢ and 8½¢ per lb. Several carlots of comb reported sold in Colorado, Idaho and Montana at $3.50-3.75 per case for No. 1 and fancy, and $3.25 for No. 2. Beekeepers have sold in large lots to nearby dealers at 7-7½¢ per lb. for extracted and $3.25-3.35 for No. 1 comb. Carlot sale of Amber Alfalfa reported from Arizona at 6¢ per lb., with other cars being held for higher prices.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies reported in good condition. Some beekeepers have secured an average of 120-lb. surplus per colony. Alfalfa and Sweet Clover honey in Yakima Valley is a very light amber this year; other sections report alfalfa as white. One carlot sale reported at 8 1/3¢ per lb., less-than-carlot sale white extracted in 60-lb. cans mostly 10¢, few 11¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Local rains during September have improved the outlook in some sections; other sections are still dry. Some are feeding weak colonies. Less-than-carlot sales reported of 6/10s extracted at 9-10¢ per lb., and of chunk honey in 6/10s at 13½¢ per lb. Where rain has fallen, colonies are biulding up.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Lack of rain resulting in light fall flow. Colonies generally in good condition but some reported short of stores and will have to be fed.

Abundance of cheap fruit slowing up demand for honey. Few carlot sales reported, but offers of 10¢ per lb. for white extracted indicated. Less-than-carlot sales white extracted reported at 10½-12½¢ per lb. White comb ranges $4.00-5.00 per 24-section case in jobbing lots; with $5.50-6.00 secured on sales to retailers.

PLAINS AREA: Although weather has been dry, bees are securing some flow from fall flowers. Honey from Hubam clover reported whiter than from ordinary sweet clover.

A number of carlot sales of White Clover extracted reported at 8½¢, 9¢ and 10¢ per lb. Many large beekeepers reported holding for 10¢. Baking grades being bought for 7½¢ per lb. Small lot sales of White comb range $4.50-4.80 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Colonies reported stronger than normal, but lack of stores will necessitate heavy feeding with many beekeepers. Fall flowers not secreting so well as usual.

Demand spotted. Carlot sale of Buckwheat in kegs reported at 8¢ per lb., and less-than-carlot sales at 7½¢. Most l.c.l. sales Buckwheat in 60-lb. cans have ranged 8-10¢ per lb. Small lot sales of White Clover in 5-gal. cans range 10-15¢, mostly around 12¢. Buckwheat comb selling to nearby dealers low as $3.00 per case. White fancy and No. 1 comb has sold in small lots at $4.50-5.00 per case

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Fall flow now on. In Georgia continued rains and winds have curtailed flow. Considerable honey has already left the hands of beekeepers, and small-lot offers are said to be abundant, with few large offers as yet.

Georgia and Alabama white extracted selling in barrels at 8½-10¢ per lb., in 60-lb. cans at 10¢ per lb. Some Louisiana honey sold in barrels at 6½¢ per lb in 60-lb. cans at 7 1/8¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES: Porto Rico - The hill section of the island has had a light flow, with blossoms very scattered. Quoting 53¢ per gal. for extracted before tariff went into effect, but price later reported raised to 70¢ per gal.

Cuba - Shipments continue to Europe. One large shipment reported to Amsterdam at 61¢ per gal., including cost and freight. Local price 4 1/4¢ per lb. for extracted.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Approximately 100 cases comb N.Y. and 250 cases Vt. arrived since last report. No receipts extracted honey reported. Slightly better demand and movement for comb. Porto Rico honey advanced under good demand due partly to tariff which lessens competition of Cuban stock. Vermont honey is of fine quality but shows considerable variation in weight of comb.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New Yorks, 24-section cases heavy White Clover No. 1, $6.00-6.50, carton stock $6.50-7.00. Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover No. 1, best heavy $6.50-7.00, lighter low as $4.75.

EXTRACTED: Receivers sales to confectioners and bottlers in 10-package lots or more - Porto Rican, $1.00-1.10 per gal. California, White Orange and Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12-14¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Calif., 1 car Colo., 1 car Idaho, 1,600 lbs. Ia., 1,725 lbs. Nebr. and 6,690 lbs. Wis. arrived. Demand and movement moderate, market slightly stronger.

COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Colorado, Iowa and Wisconsin, Clover and mixed Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, heavy $4.25-4.50, No. 1 light weight $3.50-3.75, No. 2 heavy $3.50-3.75.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, bakers and confectionery manufacturers - Idaho, Alfalfa and mixed Alfalfa and Clover white 10-10½¢, Light Amber 8-8½¢. California, Imperial Valley Light Amber 8-8½¢. Wisconsin and Michigan, White Clover 10-10½¢, few best 11¢.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Market steady except on dark, which is weaker. Sales to wholesale druggists and laundry supply houses- Illinois, light 30-32¢. Michigan, Wisconsin and Idaho, dark 25-27¢. South America, light 27-30¢, dark 20-23¢.

KANSAS CITY: 1 car Nev. arrived since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Montana, White Alfalfa 12¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases Montana and Nevada White Alfalfa No. 1 heavy new stock $4.25-4.75. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Clover No. 1 new crop $5.-5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals. Express receipts light, mostly from Michigan and Wisconsin. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market steady, little change in prices.

EXTRACTED: per lb. Sales direct to retailers, who mostly bottle or draw into customers' buckets 60-lb. cans California, White Orange and Colorado White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 11¢. Minnesota, White Clover and Wisconsin White Basswood 12¢. Hawaii, White 10¢.

COMB: 24-section cases No. 1 White Colorado $4.50, Minnesota $4.75-5.00.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts limited, foreign receipts limited. Supplies limited. Demand limited, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - domestic per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, White Sage 9-10¢, few 10½¢, White Orange 11½-12½¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 9½-10½¢. New York, White Clover 9½-10½¢. American and West Indian, refined 70-75¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Supplies moderate. Movement limited, market rather dull. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - Chili, light 26-29¢, darker 24-26¢. Brazil, light 25-27¢, darker low as 23¢. West Indies, light best 26-28¢, dark 18-20¢. Africa, dark 18-21¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Arrivals include approximately 1,000 gallons Florida.

EXTRACTED: Demand only fair, but market has been very firm. Sales to bakers and manufacturers- Florida, Amber and Light Amber 10-10½¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: Supplies rather liberal. Although the demand has been good, prices have ruled somewhat lower. Sales to manufacturers, per lb. - Chili, light 27-28¢. Brazil, light 26-27¢. African, dark 21-22¢.

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate, market dull.

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers in 24-section cases- Colorado, White Clover No. 1, $4.75-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Since last report about 10,000 lbs. from Mo. arrived. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- Missouri, Light Amber 8-10¢ per lb. Southern, Light Amber 6-7¢ per lb.

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IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR JULY, 1922.
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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY 1922

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Pounds*	Value Dollars
United Kingdom	12	5
Canada	1,980	296
Guatemala	170,460	19,006
Mexico	26,520	741
Cuba	21,936	898
Haiti	1,188	43
Chile	5,364	126
TOTAL	227,460	21,115

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE U.S. FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII DURING JULY, 1922

Countries	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
Porto Rico	48,613	2,393
Hawaii	218,204	9,114

*Note: Conversions from gallons made on basis of 1 gal. honey =12 pounds.

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1922

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
France	25,932	2,235
Netherlands	4,860	632
Norway	3,450	360
Ukraine	74	20
United Kingdom	81,440	7,852
Canada	3,170	453
Honduras	135	21
Dutch West Indies	32	6
Colombia	24	8
Peru	1,152	161
British India	312	108
Ceylon	48	17
Straits Settlements	240	120
China	1,372	337
Java and Madura	192	69
French Indo-China	96	30
Hongkong	339	135
Japan	720	173
Philippine Islands	504	190
Siam	48	20
Other Oceania	21	10
TOTAL July 1922	124,661	12,957
TOTAL July 1921	144,377	11,694

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY 1922

Countries IMPORTED from	Pounds Quantity	Dollars Value
Belgium	5,072	1,348
France	1,290	354
Germany	25,707	1,773
Netherlands	23,304	7,938
Portugal	62,450	33,156
Rumania	11,920	3,468
United Kingdom	45,080	9,717
Cuba	55,902	13,166
Brazil	28,836	5,588
Chile	18,869	4,796
British Oceania	186	37
TOTAL	278,616	81,341

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY 1922

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
United Kingdom	3,567	1,713
Canada	2,703	1,195
Mexico	1,163	421
Japan	713	68
TOTAL	8,146	3,397

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THE HONEY INDUSTRY OF HAITI.

(By Damon C. Woods, American Consul, Cape Haitien, Haiti, June 8, 1922)

Among the factors that promote apiculture in Haiti, may be mentioned the abundance of nectar-yielding plants and trees, the absence of epidemics among bees, the warm climate and the cheapness of labor.

Many apiaries are found scattered throughout the country. Most of them are owned and cared for by native Haitians who are said to be proficient in beekeeping. The bees are not indigenous to the land but are derived from hives imported many years ago from the United States.

Varieties of Honey. The best known Haitian honey is that made from the blossoms of the logwood trees and known to the market as Campêche honey. It is nearly white in color and possesses a delicate quality. Unless gathered very ripe, logwood honey may become cloudy in two or three months and crystallize soon thereafter. This product is closely akin to honey made from nectar of royal palms, which grow in profusion throughout the island. In many instances the beekeepers allow their charges to feed upon both royal palms and logwood trees, thus producing a blended and much desired yield. Others, less particular as to quality, permit their bees recourse to indiscriminate tropical flowers. The resultant honey is of a red or yellow shade and if gathered when fully matured lasts indefinitely.

Seasons. The honey season in Haiti extends from May to December, and normally a season yields three extractions. There were only two during the past calendar year, with but 40 per cent of a normal annual yield. This diminished production is likely to be duplicated in the current year, as the drouth from which the country has been suffering shows no indication of abatement.

In Haitian apiculture a 32-gallon barrel of honey is ordinarily expected from each 10 colonies of bees. From 20,000 to 80,000 bees constitute a colony. Under exceptionally favorable conditions a record yield for the Cape Haitien district of twenty barrels of honey from one hundred colonies was reported.

Markets. As appears from the table below the principal export consumer of Haitian honey alternates between the United States and France. At present very little of the commodity is shipped to any other country than France. Upon the New York market the price of Haitian honey is considerably below that of honey from California and domestic sources. Objections of American wholesalers to honey from Haiti are due to faults of the producers here in gathering it before it is ripe, in packing it badly, and in permitting it to be shipped mixed with bees and beeswax. With more careful gathering and straining these criticisms would be obviated.

Exportations to Europe are facilitated by the reported absence of an import tariff in France, England and Germany. In contrast is the duty of ten cents per gallon assessed by the American government. (Editor's note, The Fordney-McCumber Tariff bill, effective Sept. 21, raises the duty on honey to 3¢ per lb.)

The Haitian export tax of 13 cents per hundred pounds or $.015 per gallon does not impede the export trade.

Cost of Containers. An important item in the exportation of honey is the cost of containers. Used barrels at Cape Haitien are obtainable at from $.80 to $2.00 each, while new barrels cost $5.75. The barrels are paraffined at a charge of $.20 per barrel and other measuresof preparation bring the total to $.70. The cost of containers and packing is therefore $1.50 to $2.70 for used barrels and $6.45 for new ones.

Nationality of Producers and Exporters. While the greater proportion of Haitian honey is produced by the native population there are a number of foreigners engaged in the industry. At Cape Haitien two American citizens have for some years been so occupied. The largest exporter of honey in this district is a French-Haitian firm.

Export Statistics. The following table, drawn from the annual reports of the Haitian customs receivership gives the honey exportations from Haiti during the years noted, with the countries of destination:

	For Years Ending September 30			
	1917	1918	1919	1920
Country of destination	Quantity Pounds	Quantity Pounds	Quantity Pounds	Quantity Pounds
United States	958,797	1,030,580	315,850	1,089,779
France	704,399		1,153,808	201,112
United Kingdom	76,042		341,483	40,857
Other Countries	21,760	555,150	62,046	33,450
Totals	1,760,998	1,585,730	1,873,187	1,365,198

In the calendar year 1921 the following quantities of honey were shipped from the port of Cape Haitien to the destinations indicated:

Country of destination	Quantity, Pounds	Value in U.S. Cy.
United States	16,752	$359.50
France	507,780	15,587.00
England	74,520	1,342.00
Other Countries	118,440	2,522.00
Totals	717,492	19,811.50

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of October):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Colonies generally in good condition for winter. Nectar yield from alfalfa reported unusually light. Demand and movement of honey barely moderate, with relatively few inquiries for carlots. Market firm, and many beekeepers and shippers reported holding for higher prices, expecting a general advance due to the tariff.

Carlots for outside shipment range per lb. as follows: White Orange 10-10½¢, one car reported sold locally at 9¢; White Sage 8 1/4-8 3/4¢, 1 car 9 1/4¢; Light Amber Sage 6¼-7¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 1/4-6½¢. Beeswax, cash to growers, 20¢ per lb. White Hawaiian honey offered at 7¢ per lb., f.o.b. San Francisco. Few sales No. 1 Star Thistle honey reported from northern California at 8¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Colonies generally said to be in good condition for winter. With advent of cooler weather, demand for honey, both comb and extracted, has increased. Numerous carlot shipments of comb reported and several of extracted. Comb crop in Colorado said to be much heavier than that of last year. It is reported that the carlot comb price declined 20-25% during late September and early October, and carlot sales reported at $3.00-3.15 per 24-section case. Other carlot sales in Colorado and Montana reported at $3.75-3.85 per case. Extracted honey seems to be firm. Carlot sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported from Colorado and eastern Washington at 8-8 1/3¢ per lb., with l.c.l. sales at 8½-10¢. Some beekeepers said to be selling to nearby dealers at 7-7½¢ for White extracted in 5-gal. cans, and low as $2.75 per case for carlots of white comb. Average yellow beeswax selling at 23-25¢ per lb.

In Arizona honey sales from the small mesquite crop reported at 7½-8 1/3¢ per lb. Crop from cotton now filling up hives for winter. Beekeepers generally inclined to hold Alfalfa and Cotton honey, but several carlot sales reported at 5 3/4-6¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: In localities where local rains fell in September, hives are in fair condition so far as young bees and winter stores are concerned. In other localities stores and bees are light in numbers. Long drouth said to have been instrumental in producing the large number of failing queens reported.

Demand for honey improving. Some sales reported of Light Amber in 2/60s at 7½¢ per lb., and chunk comb, 6/10s, at 13½¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Fall flow from goldenrod and aster has been good in some sections; in others it has been curtailed by lack of rain. Beekeepers fear that extremely dry fall will be damaging to next year's clover crop. Many colonies short of stores and beekeepers are feeding sugar sirup for winter. Some colonies said to be still rearing brood.

Improvement noted in demand and movement of honey, although still only moderate. Carlot sales of extracted White Clover reported at 10½¢ per lb., with less-than-carlot sales at 11-12¢. Amber honey selling down to 8¢ per lb. Most beekeepers reported selling No. 1 White comb at 20¢ per section.

PLAINS AREA: Colonies strong but many are reported light in stores owing to shortage of fall honey and heavy brood-rearing. Ground dry and prospects therefore not good for 1923 crop. Increase noted in several sections in Hubam clover acreage. Hubam said to be still yielding nectar heavily. One large beekeeper reports an average yield for colonies near Hubam fields of 260 lbs., - 2½ times that of other colonies. Numerous individual yields of 275 lbs. reported.

Carlot sales extracted White Clover reported at 9¢ and 10½¢ per lb., with small-lot sales at 12-12½¢ per lb. Comb honey seems to be selling slowly around 20¢ per section, with sales by small farmers reported low as $3.00 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Honey plants hurt by September drouth and fall flow has been very light. Recent rains will help clover for next season. Considerable feeding will be necessary to keep bees over winter.

Demand improving, but few large lot sales reported. One carlot sale reported of Buckwheat in 160-lb. kegs at 8¢ per lb. Retail sales of honey show a considerable growth in some sections, but roadside selling considered not so good as last year. Small orders for White Clover have practically exhausted supplies of some beekeepers already.

WEST INDIES: Porto Rico: Sales to United States very light as shippers are holding for 65-70¢ per gal., which closely approaches the New York wholesale price of 70-75¢ per gal.

Cuba: Prices show slight advance. One large shipment to Holland reported at 62¢ per gal., cost and freight included. 4½¢ per lb. is the quoted f.o.b. extracted price, while beekeepers are being paid 3½¢ per lb.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Showers have broken the drouth in Georgia; fall plants are now blooming; and if weather continues good during October colonies should gather enough supplies for winter. White extracted selling in 34-gal. barrels at 10¢ per lb., and Light Amber at 8¢. Best white comb quoted at $4.50 per 24-section cases.

Demand improving in Alabama, where White Sweet Clover in 60-lb. cans has been selling at 10¢ per lb.

During past four months 60 inches of rain is reported to have fallen in southeastern Florida, and yield has accordingly been very light. In Mississippi yield from Spanish Needle has proven ample for winter stores, and bees will go into winter in good shape.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Freight receipts equivalent to 1½ cars Porto Rico via New York and 70 cases comb by express from New York State arrived. Moderate demand for both comb and extracted, with prices unchanged.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases White Clover $6.00-6.50. Vermont, 20-section cases best heavy White Clover $5.50-6.00, light $4.50-5.00, 24-section cases White Clover best carton stock $6.50-7.00. Correction: in last report quotation of $6.50-7.00 should be for 24-section instead of 20-section cases.

EXTRACTED: Receivers sales to confectioners and bottlers in 10-package lots or more- per lb., Porto Rico, Amber 8½-9¢. California, White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12-14¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Ida., 1 car Colo., 6,000 lbs. Ia., 12,000 lbs. Wis., 4,000 lbs. Wyo. and 2,000 lbs. Ill. arrived. Demand and movement moderate, market generally steady with a slightly firmer undertone in some quarters.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, confectioners and wholesale bakers - per lb., Colorado and Idaho, Sweet Clover and mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa white 10-10½¢, few sales 11¢, Light Amber 8½-9¢, few sales rather poor stock 7½¢. Illinois, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. Wisconsin and Iowa, mixed Clovers White 11-12¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming, White Sweet Clover and mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, heavy $4.00-4.25, No. 2, $3.00-3.75. Wisconsin, White Clover extra fancy No. 1, mostly $4.75-5.00, most sales No. 1, $4.00-4.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market firm. Sales to laundry supply houses and wholesale drug houses - domestic, light 31-33¢, dark around 28¢. Cuba and Central America, light 29-30¢, dark 20-26¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Montana, White Alfalfa 12¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases Montana and Nevada, White Alfalfa No. 1 heavy new stock $4.25-4.75. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Clover No. 1, new crop $5.00-5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: Since last report 1 car Calif. arrived. Express receipts increasing from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Supplies liberal. Demand and movement slow, market steady, little change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Mostly sales direct to retailers, few to bottlers - per lb., new crop California, White Orange 11-12¢. Iowa and Minnesota, White Clover and Wisconsin, White Basswood, both 12¢. Hawaii, White 10¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24 section cases No. 1 white old crop Colorado $4.50; new crop Minnesota and Wisconsin $5.00-5.50.

BEESWAX: Cash to Producers - 24¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Domestic and foreign receipts and supplies limited. Demand limited, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - domestic per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa none on market, White Sage 10-11¢, White Orange 11½-12½¢, few high as 13¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 10-11¢, few sales 12¢. New York, White Clover 9½-10½¢, few sales high as 11½¢. South America and West Indies, refined 70-75¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts and supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - South American and Chili, light 26-28¢, few 29¢, darker 24-26¢. Brazil, light 25-28¢, few 30¢, darker low as 21¢. West Indies, light best 26-28¢, darker low as 20¢. Africa, dark 18-21¢.

PHILADELPHIA: EXTRACTED: Supplies generally light but demand has been only fair. Market firm due principally to tariff duties on foreign stock. Sales to jobbers - Florida, various flavors Light Amber 83¢, Amber 79¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Supplies of imported stock rather liberal and with only a fair demand market has been barely steady with no change in prices. Sales to manufacturers, per lb. - Africa, dark 21-22¢. Brazil, light 26-27¢, Chili, 27-28¢.

ST. LOUIS: During past month 1 car Colo. arrived. Demand improving, market steady. No sales to jobbers reported. Sales direct to retailers -

COMB: in 24-section cases, Colorado, White Clover $5.00-5.50.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., Missouri, Light Amber 8-10¢.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. No change in market. Practic[illegible] country run 25¢ per lb

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HONEY NO. 107

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of October):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Demand moderate, market steady with few sales. Many shippers waiting for advance in prices and not offering goods. Light movement of Orange honey attributed in part to price differential over Sage. Carlots for outside shipment range, per lb., White Orange 10-10½¢, White Sage 9¢, Light Amber Sage 6 3/4-7¢, Light Amber Alfalfa mostly 7¢.

Comb honey production in Inyo County considered below average in yield. Much of it has been sold. Several cars, all grades, reported moved at $2.50 per case; one car, 60% fancy, went at $2.75 per case. For beeswax, beekeepers receiving 22¢ cash per lb.

Northern California -Star Thistle nectar secretion over for season, with plants in good condition for next year. Carlots and less of No. 1 grade in 5-gal. cans reported sold at 8¢ per lb., No. 2 at 6¢.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Light flow of late dark honey from rabbit brush and sunflower has put many colonies in good condition for winter. Extracted honey has sold slowly in carlots, but comb honey is said to be in good demand and has moved readily.

Several cars of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa comb reported sold at $3.75 for No. 1, $3.50 for No. 2. Other large sales reported from $3.00-3.50 for No. 1. Less-than-carlot sales of No. 1 cartoned stock reported at $4.75 per case. Carlot of extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa for outside shipment have been mostly at 8-8½¢, some 7½¢ per lb. Several carlot sales to local shippers reported at 7-7½¢ per lb., and a few low as 6¢, probably for off-grade stock. Average yellow beeswax quoted at 20¢ cash, 23¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees generally reported in good condition. Some less-than-carlot sales White extracted reported at 10-11¢ per lb., and a few sales low as 8-9¢ per lb. No. 1 White comb reported moving at $3.50-4.00 per 24-section case.

TEXAS POINTS: Crop shows wide range in different parts of the state, generally from 25 to 40% of last year's. Condition of honey plants improving where late rains have fallen, and bees in these sections have stored enough to live on over winter. In areas of continued drouth, many colonies are so weak that beekeepers are moving them out to more favorable sections or are preparing to feed.

Demand said to be increasing, both wholesale and retail. Some sales extracted reported in 60-lb. cans at 8½¢ for white and 7½¢ for Light Amber.

NORTHCENTRAL AND EAST CENTRAL STATES: Bees are being packed for winter. As a result of the dry fall, many beekeepers are feeding sugar syrup heavily to provide winter stores. Demand increasing, but still only moderate.

Numerous large lot sales reported of White extracted, Clover, Basswood and Raspberry, at 10-11¢ per lb. Other sales in 60-lb. cans at 11½-12½¢ per lb. Amber honey quoted down to 8¢ per lb. Most sales 24-section cases White comb reported at $4.80-5.00 per case; some lower.

PLAINS AREA: Late flow from heartsease and Hubam clover has provided winter supplies for many colonies, but reports indicate that stores will be short in White Clover area. Honey moving rather slowly. Local and roadside sales show increase over last year.

Large-lot sales White Clover extracted range 8½-11¢, mostly 9½-10¢ per lb. White comb, 24-section cases, moving at $4.00-4.80 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Many colonies already packed for winter. Dry fall and small honey yield making it generally necessary to feed heavily. Some colonies reported starved already for lack of stores.

Outside demand reported slower than last season; but local demand in many cases more than ample to take care of small crop. Less-than-carlot sales extracted in 60-lb. cans reported, of White Clover at 10-12¢ per lb., of Buckwheat at 7-9¢ per lb. Some White Clover comb, in 24-section cases, sold at $4.80-5.00 per case.

PORTO RICO: Honey still coming in from the hill districts. Light flow reported from Western Coast. F.o.b. price had advanced early on October to 6 3/4¢ per lb. for extracted in barrels.

NO IMPORT DUTY ON CRUDE BEESWAX

Although the Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act prescribes an ad valorem duty of 25 per cent on white bleached beeswax, no import tax is included in the Act on crude, unrefined beeswax. Crude beeswax was not mentioned in either the Emergency Tariff Bill or in the preceding, Underwood Tariff.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Fall flow over except in southern part of area. Hives generally well-filled with bees and stores. Mississippi reports good flow from Spanish Needle. Too much rain in southern Florida has put bees there in bad shape. In package-bee territory in Alabama little surplus produced, and some colonies being fed.

Demand fairly good, and small beekeepers are cleaning up. In Georgia, Thit extracted in 60-lb. cans and 34-gal. barrels reported selling at 10¢ per lb., and Light Amber at 8-8 1/3¢. In Florida and Mississippi the general price of extracte honey is 8¢ per lb. Best comb in 24-section cases reported selling at $4.50 per case, with lower grades moving at $3.50-4.00 per case.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for October 31.

BOSTON: Since last report freight receipts equivalent to 50 bbls. Porto Rico and ½ car Calif. via New York City, and 220 cases express New York State arrived. Improved demand for both comb and extracted, with a firm tone to the market.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $6.00-6.50, carton stock $6.50-7.00. Vermont, carton stock No. 1 White Clover, 24-section cases best $6.50-7.00, 20-section cases best heavy $5.50-6.00, light $4.50-5.00 per case.

EXTRACTED: Receivers sales to confectioners and bottlers, in 5-package lots or more, per lb.- Porto Rico, Amber 6½-9¢. California, White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 13-14¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Calif., 1 car Cuba, 5,600 lbs. Wis., 2,000 lbs. Minn., 6,000 lbs. Ia., 1,000 lbs. Ill., 1,000 lbs. Utah, and 1,200 lbs. Colo. arrived. Demand and movement moderate. Market has a slightly firmer undertone but prices are practically unchanged.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, bakers and candy manufacturers - Idaho and Colorado, Sweet Clover and Mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 10-10½¢, Light Amber 8-9¢, mostly 8½¢. Wisconsin and Minnesota, White Clover 11-12¢. Illinois, Buckwheat, small amount, 8¢.

COMB: Colorado and Utah, Alfalfa and Mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 heavy $4.25-4.50, No. 2, $3.00-3.75 per 24-section case. Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover best No. 1, heavy, $4.75-5.00.

BEESWAX: Demand and movement remain fair and market has undergone no particular change during past two weeks. Sales to laundry supply houses and wholesale druggists - Colorado, California and Montana, light 30-32¢, dark 27-29¢. Central America, light 28-30¢, dark, wide range in quality, 20-26¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: per lb., Colorado and Montana, White Alfalfa 10-12¢. Colorado, Light Amber Alfalfa 8¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado and Montana, White Alfalfa No. 1, heavy, $4.00-4.25 per case. Missouri, 24-section cases heavy White Clover No. 1 mostly $4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL: Since last report 1 car Nev. arrived. Express receipts very light. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market steady, little change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales mostly direct to retailers, few to bottlers - per lb., 60-lb. cans California, White Orange 11-12¢, Nevada, White Alfalfa 11¢. Hawaiian, White 10¢. Minnesota, White Clover 12-13¢. Wisconsin, Basswood and Iowa, White Clover 12-12½¢.

COMB: Sales direct to retailers - 24-section cases old crop Colorado, No. 1 White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $4.50. New crop Minnesota, Basswood No. 1, $4.50-4.75, White Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.50 per case.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts limited, foreign receipts light. Demand and movement limited, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - domestic per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 6½-8¢, mostly 7¢, White Sage 10-11¢, White Orange 11½-13¢, Light Amber Sage 8-9¢, Extra Light Amber Sage 8½-9½¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 8½-9½¢, few 10¢. New Yorks, Buckwheat 8-9¢. South America and West Indies, refined per gal. 75-85¢, mostly 80¢.

COMB: Supplies light. Demand limited, market steady. New Yorks, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.50.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand moderate, better feeling. Spot sales South America and Chili, light 25-28¢. West Indies, dark 18-20¢. Africa, dark 20-24¢, mostly 21-23¢.

PHILADELPHIA: EXTRACTED: Arrivals very light. Demand rather limited, market dull. Sales to bakers - Florida, Amber and Light Amber 10-10½¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: Demand light. Market shows weaker tendency. Sales per lb., Chili, light 27-28¢. Brazil, light 26-27¢. Africa, dark 21-22¢.

ST. LOUIS: Arrivals since last Thursday's report include 1 car Colo. comb, 1 car Calif. extracted. Supply moderate. Demand improving, market steady. Practically no jobbing business being done, and all sales are direct to retailers.

COMB: Colorado, White Clover 24-section cases $4.50-5.50.

EXTRACTED: Missouri and California, Light Amber 8-10¢ per lb.

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HONEY NO. 108

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of November):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Colonies in good condition. Market stronger and prices advancing since passage of Tariff. Some small beekeepers selling rapidly, but larger factors holding for higher prices. Carlots range per lb., for outside shipment, White Orange 10½-11¢, White Sage 9-9½¢, Light Amber Sage 7-7½¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 3/4-7¢. Some sales to nearby dealers of White Orange low as 9 3/4¢ per lb. and of White Sage at 8-8½¢.

In Central California alfalfa crop said to have been only a fraction of normal, due in part to army worms.

Northern California - Bees being moved into almond and prune orchards for winter. Fruit growers offering high as $1.50 per colony for pollinating bloom. Star Thistle honey generally sold at 8¢, some 9¢ per lb. For dark honey beekeepers asking 6¢. Brisk demand for 5-and 10-lb. pails.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Colonies generally packed, and in good shape for winter. Extracted honey moving slowly in carlots, and at wide range in prices. As carlot buyers have not been purchasing heavily, it is likely that carlot sales may be extended over a longer period than ordinarily prevails. Several carlot sales of White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover reported in 60-lb. cans at 8 1/4-8½¢ per lb. Other carlot sales white extracted, for distant shipment and in sales to nearby firms, reported at 6 3/4-7½¢ per lb. Extracted honey has moved fairly well in local, small-lot sales.

Comb honey in carlots is said to have moved unusually well. In some sections comb honey is largely cleaned up. Carlot sales best No. 1 white reported at $3.75 per 24-section case; other carlot sales white comb, to nearby dealers, reported low as $2.60-3.00 per case. Average yellow beeswax ranges 20-25¢ per lb. cash.

ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO: Drought in New Mexico said to have been instrumental in causing very light crop. In Arizona a slow fall flow gave enough surplus to extract some honey and still leave winter stores. Sales of several cars extracted reported at 6 1/4-6½¢ per lb. Most honey being held for better prices.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies have ample stores and bees except where spray poison and American foulbrood have weakened them. Spray poisoning estimated to have caused loss of one-third of the crop in Yakima Valley.

Honey moving rapidly from hands of beekeepers. Some large producers have crop over half sold. Carlot sales Light Amber Alfalfa reported at 8 1/4¢ and 9¢ per lb. Plenty of inquiries reported at 8¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Recent rains have enabled bees to gather nectar from late-blooming plants which will help winter stores. Shipments light and large-lot sales few.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Stores generally ample, but some colonies reported weak in bees. Late rains have helped clover, which in most areas is now in good condition for next year. Demand somewhat improved, but sales still light. Amber supply said to be light.

Carlot basis for extracted White Clover ranges 9-10½¢ per lb., with case lots selling at 12-15¢. Retail prices in 5-lb. cans range 15-25¢ per lb. Aster reported selling in 60-lb. cans at 10¢ per lb. Few small sales White comb reported at $4.80-5.50 per 24-section case.

PLAINS AREA: Most colonies strong in bees and with plenty of stores. Recent rains helping prospects for next year. Carlots White Clover selling 10-10½¢ per lb., with less than carlots moving at 11-11½¢ per lb. Few small inferior lots reported sold low as 8¢ per lb. Small lots White comb sold at $4.80 per 24-section case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Except where fall flow has been too light, colonies are in good condition for winter. Warm fall weather has caused bees to consume stores heavily. Demand better and some beekeepers already sold out. Low prices received for honey are said to have prompted many beekeepers to dispose of their hives.

Wide range in prices reported for White extracted in 60-lb. cans - from 8½¢ to 12½¢ per lb.; mostly around 10-10½¢ for large lots. Sales of Buckwheat reported at 7-9¢ per lb. One carlot sale of White comb reported at $4.75 per case; other carlots No. 1 White quoted at $3.85-4.25 per case, with smaller lots ranging $4.00-5.50 per 24-section case, and Buckwheat comb from $2.50 to $3.84 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees still gathering some nectar from "Mexican Clover," and other plants. Breeding slowing up. Many hives well supplied with stores, but some will have to be fed.

Crops largely sold, and with cooler weather, demand now exceeds supply of extracted. White extracted moving at 10¢ per lb., Light Amber at 8¢, and Amber at 6-7¢ per lb. White comb No. 1 quoted at $4.50 per 24-section case, and No. 2 at $4.00. Some chunk honey being held for 15¢ per lb.

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WEST INDIES: Cuba - Large shipments reported to Holland at 66¢ per gal., including cost and freight. Local f.o.b. prices, in barrels, 4 3/4¢ per lb. Beekeepers receiving 4¢.

Porto Rico - Hill districts report excellent flow in late October. It is reported that 70¢ per gal. has been offered at seaports for extracted in barrels.

AVERAGE COLONY YIELD ESTIMATED AT 53.8 LBS.

The Division of Crop Estimates states that the average yield this season has been 53.8 lbs. per colony, as compared with an average of 44.2 lbs. last year. Production this year is estimated to have been divided as follows: Comb 28.7%; Extracted 59.7%; chunk 11.6%. Details by states will be published in next issue.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers. Market reports are for November 14 or 15.

BOSTON: Since last report 327 cases from Vt. by express and 150 cases from Calif. by freight arrived. Fairly good demand for extracted, but light demand for comb. California Light Amber Sage weaker - other lines steady. (For EXTRACTED, see bottom of page)

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases White Clover $6.00-6.50, carton stock $6.50-7.00. Vermont, carton stock 24-section cases White Clover best $6.50-7.00, 20-section cases White Clover best heavy $5.50-6.00, light $4.50-5.00.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Ariz., 1 car Ill., 3 cars Colo., 1 car Calif., 1 car Tex., 6,500 lbs. Ia., 8,500 lbs. Wis., and 900 lbs. Nebr. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Supplies increasing. Demand and movement fair, market barely steady. Sales to bottlers, bakers and confectionery manufacturers - Colorado, Alfalfa and Mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa white 10-10½¢, few 11¢, Light Amber 8-9¢. California, Sage white 10½¢, few 11¢.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement good. Sales to retailers in 24-section cases - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 heavy $4.00-4.25, No. 2, $3.50-3.75. Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois, Alfalfa and White Clover mixed No. 1 heavy $3.75-4.00, few $4.25, No. 2, $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand and movement fair, market steady. Sales to wholesale druggists and laundry supply houses - Colorado, California and Arizona, light 31-32¢, dark 26-29¢. Central America, light 28-30¢, dark 23-26¢, some low as 17¢.

KANSAS CITY: Since last report 1 car Ariz. arrived but diverted before being unloaded. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Water White Sweet Clover 12¢. Arizona, Light Amber Alfalfa 7 3/4-8¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa fancy $4.25, Alfalfa and Clover white No. 1, $4.00. Missouri, White Clover No. 1, $4.50.

PHILADELPHIA: EXTRACTED: Arrivals light, and with a light demand the market has been dull. Only a few sales reported to bakers of Porto Rico Light Amber at 83¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Supplies rather light, and although the demand has been light the market has strengthened slightly. Sales to manufacturers - per lb. Chili, light 28-29¢. Brazil, light 27-28¢. Africa, dark 24-25¢.

ST. LOUIS: Arrivals since last report include 1 car Colo., 2 cars Calif. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Practically no jobbing sales; all direct to retailers.

COMB: Colorado, White Sweet Clover in 24-section cases $5.00.

EXTRACTED: California and Missouri, Light Amber 8½-10¢.

BEESWAX: No arrivals reported during past month. Market still dull and practically unchanged. Ungraded average country run ranges 26-26½¢ per lb. to farmers.

MINNEAPOLIS: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement very slow, especially for comb, market dull. Sales to retailers -

EXTRACTED: Minnesota, White Clover 12¢. California White Orange 12¢. Hawaiian, white 11¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases, old crop Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, practically no sales, but asking $3.75 -4.50. New crop, Minnesota and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.25-5.00.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts limited. Practically no foreign receipts. Demand limited, market steady. Slightly better feeling.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - domestic per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7-8¢, few 8½¢, White Sage 10½-11½¢, White Orange 12-13¢, Light Amber Sage 8½-9½¢, Extra Light Amber Sage 9-10¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 9½-10¢. New York, Buckwheat 8-9¢. Porto Rico, refined 75-85¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand good, market strong. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - per lb., Chili, light 27-29¢. Brazil, 26-28¢. West Indies, dark 20-21¢. Africa, dark 23-24¢, few 25¢.

BOSTON: (Continued):

EXTRACTED: Receivers sales to confectioners and bottlers in 5-package lots or more, per lb. - Porto Rico, Amber 8½-9¢. California, White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 10½-12¢.

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IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR AUGUST, 1922

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1922

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Pounds*	Value Dollars
Switzerland	84	7
Canada	3,276	660
Guatemala	49,752	4,062
Mexico	32,400	947
Other British West Indies	720	36
Cuba	62,844	2,473
Dominican Republic	3,960	198
Hongkong	144	7
Australia	240	26
New Zealand	1,440	88
TOTAL	154,860	8,504

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING AUGUST, 1922

Countries	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
Porto Rico	161,270	8,254
Hawaii	111,353	5,463

* Conversion made on basis of 12 lbs. to one gallon of honey.

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1922

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
France	24,240	2,509
Netherlands	3,240	389
Norway	7,200	650
United Kingdom	23,808	2,396
Canada	7,335	987
Honduras	85	14
Dutch West Indies	34	5
Colombia	837	81
Dutch Guiana	48	15
Peru	48	18
British India	24	12
Straits Settlements	528	248
China	336	119
Java and Madura	216	103
Hongkong	201	72
Japan	840	280
Phillipine Islands	744	222
Siam	72	33
Australia	1,295	75
TOTAL August, 1922	71,131	8,231
TOTAL August, 1921	190,340	19,806

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1922

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
France	43,922	16,618
Germany	43,406	12,013
Italy	8,009	1,642
Netherlands	13,468	4,696
Portugal	75,590	18,872
Turkey in Europe	10,283	2,072
United Kingdom	17,920	4,479
Canada	11,582	3,145
Cuba	33,278	7,689
Dominican Republic	5,311	1,076
Haiti	1,210	246
Brazil	8,990	2,011
Chile	53,637	13,924
Greece in Asia	2,318	425
Morocco	11,012	2,202
TOTAL	329,846	91,110

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1922

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
Germany	645	100
Canada	1,992	686
Panama	60	28
Mexico	220	92
China	200	88
Australia	11,500	406
TOTAL	4,617	1,400

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING AUGUST, 1922

VS	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	5,617	1,081
Hawaii	6,685	1,543

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IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1922
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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM SEPT. 1 TO SEPT. 21, 1922

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Pounds*	Value Dollars
Italy	36	4
Switzerland	84	24
United Kingdom	60	16
Canada	4,140	798
Costa Rica	49,656	1,869
Mexico	25,644	733
Other British West Indies	60	12
Cuba	24,240	915
Haiti	2,376	79
TOTAL	106,296	4,450

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1922

Countries	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
Porto Rico	290,055	16,623
Hawaii	132,095	8,614

*Conversion made on basis of 12 lbs. to one gallon of honey.

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1922

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
Denmark	6,000	547
Netherlands	3,500	450
United Kingdom	119,990	8,023
Canada	60,362	7,875
Honduras	25	3
Mexico	15	10
Colombia	261	83
Ecuador	72	22
Peru	130	39
British India	4,107	1,437
Ceylon	46	23
Straits Settlements	303	145
China	1,226	415
Chosen	120	40
Java and Madura	393	142
Other Dutch West Indies	276	93
Hongkong	467	147
Japan	345	68
Phillipine Islands	1,698	470
Siam	255	117
Australia	23	12
TOTAL September, 1922	199,612	20,161
TOTAL September, 1921	371,807	38,210

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM SEPT. 1 TO SEPT. 21, 1922

Countries IMPORTED from	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
France	1,600	1,170
Germany	8,960	2,838
Italy	7,608	1,527
Netherlands	23,348	8,856
Portugal	10,316	3,074
United Kingdom	42,917	10,039
Canada	104	49
Cuba	5,373	1,050
Dominican Republic	10,571	2,196
Haiti	2,289	701
Brazil	5,882	1,337
Chile	31,141	8,110
TOTAL	150,109	40,947

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1922

Countries	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
Porto Rico	None	None
Hawaii	3,697	793

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1922

Countries EXPORTED to	Quantity Pounds	Value Dollars
Spain	300	125
Canada	1,160	401
Honduras	50	20
Panama	25	10
Colombia	25	6
China	225	75
Japan	50	22
British South Africa	50	13
TOTAL	1,885	672

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HONEY NO. 109

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of November):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Bees will generally go into the winter season with plenty of stores. Next year's crop outlook considered good. Demand good and market shows firmer tendency, especially for better grades, although no great activity looked for until the first of the year. Several carlot shipment made recently to East Coast by boat via Panama Canal. Carlots for outside shipment quoted on usual term basis, per lb., White Orange 10½-11¢, White Sage 9½-10¢, Light Amber Sage 7½-7 3/4¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 3/4-7¢. Recent local less-than carlot sales reported of White Orange at 9-10¢, and Light Amber Sage at 6½¢ and Light Amber Sage at 7¢. While some beekeepers have sold White Sage at 8¢ per lb. in carlots. Beekeepers receiving 22-25¢ per lb. cash for beeswax.

Northern California - Colonies in good condition, with plenty of stores for winter. Very little activity reported in shipping areas, as supplies are rapidly becoming exhausted, especially of comb. Carlot sales of Star Thistle reported at 9¢ per lb. Car comb reported sold in Inyo County, 50% fancy, at $2.75 per case.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Weather reported severe already, and quite a decrease reported in unpacked colonies. Most colonies are packed and in good condition.

Inquiries for honey are now more numerous, especially for comb honey, which is becoming scarce in some areas, although no eastern carlot buyers reported in evidence in Utah. Numerous carlot sales reported of both extracted and comb. Carlot sales of extracted White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover reported for distant shipment from 7½-8¢ per lb., with some nearby carlot sales low as 7¢. Light Amber reported sold from 7-8¢ per lb. Sales of comb honey continue to show a very wide range. Some cars of White Clover and Alfalfa are reported to have moved at $3.75 for No. 1 and $3.50 for No. 2, but other cars of white comb are reported sold to nearby shippers as low as $2.65-2.80 per case.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: This area had experienced unusually mild weather to Nov. 22. Demand for honey in small containers has been good. Light Amber Alfalfa quoted at 8-9¢ per lb., in 60-lb. cans.

ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO: Unusual winter loss feared by some Arizona beekeepers as a result of the light, weak condition of colonies. Not much honey left in Salt River Valley. Several cars of Light Amber Alfalfa reported sold at 6 1/4-6½¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Late rains have relieved the prospect of heavy loss by starvation, although some beekeepers had already resorted to feeding. Late honey coming in from autumn flowers expected to be sufficient for winter stores except where too cold for bees to work. Inquiry said to be improving, but still far below normal. No reports of large lot sales received.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Stores generally ample, although feeding has been necessary on part of some Ohio beekeepers. Plant condition somewhat below normal, but in extreme northern portion snow has already fallen to serve as winter protection.

Market somewhat improving. Sales generally slow, although many small beekeepers reported unloading and some larger men are selling in considerable volume. For large lots of White extracted beekeepers are receiving 10-12½¢ per lb.

Dark extracted quoted at 8-10¢ per lb. Comb honey selling to retailers at a range of $4.50-5.25 per case.

PLAINS AREA: Recent rains have been helpful to crop prospects. Unusually mild fall weather has caused bees to consume more stores than normal. Carlots of White Clover reported sold at 9 5/8¢ per lb., with other large sales of White extracted at 10-12¢. Sales of White comb reported at $4.50-5.00, some low as $3.60 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Lack of rain may affect next year's crop prospects adversely. Many small beekeepers have already disposed of their crops, but some of the larger factors are holding for better prices.

White Clover generally selling in large lots at 10-12½¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans, some low as 8½¢, and Buckwheat, in kegs and 60-lb. cans, at 8-8½¢. Some Buckwheat sold at 7¢ per lb. White comb reported moving at $4.00-5.00 per 24-section case, and Buckwheat at $3.00-3.25.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Heavy frosts in northern portion and light frosts in southern part of the belt have largely stopped the fall flow, but in extreme southern portions some pollen and nectar still coming in. Breeding slackening up and bees will be clustering for their short winter rest early in December. Colonies unusually well supplied with winter stores. Alabama reports plant condition poor and many colonies being fed; other states report plants in good condition.

Good demand experienced lately and supplies are becoming light. Local demand slackening, however, as new syrup is coming on the market and will be sold cheaper than honey. White extracted generally selling at 10¢, some 11-12½¢, Light Amber 8¢, and Amber 6-7¢ per lb. Best comb quoted at $4.50 per case.

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PORTO RICO: Supplies coming in slowly as most honey in hill section is taken off. The fall flow on the coast was very poor on account of rain. Lighter shipments anticipated until spring. Some dealers in United States state they are unable to obtain honey with which to fill orders.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Freight arrivals equivalent to 1½ cars from Porto Rico via New York, 100 cases by express from Vt. and 125 cases from New York State arrived since last report. Fairly good demand and movement for both comb and extracted stock. Prices practically unchanged.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases White Clover $6.00-6.50, carton stock $6.50-7.00. Vermont, White Clover best carton stock 24-section cases $6.50-7.00, 20-section cases heavy $5.50-6.00, lighter unwrapped $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners in 5-package lots or more - Porto Rico, Amber 90-95¢ per gal. California, White Orange 14½-16¢, White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 10½-12¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Calif., 1,000 lbs. Wis., 1,000 lbs. Minn., 1,100 lbs. Ill., 1,100 lbs. Ia., 3,000 lbs. Nebr., and 200 lbs. Colo. arrived. Demand and movement fair, market about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and bakers - per lb., California, Light Amber Mixed Mountain Flowers 8 3/4-9¢. Idaho, Sweet Clover White 10¢, Light Amber 8-8½¢. Iowa and Nebraska, Sweet Clover and Mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 10-11¢. Illinois and Wisconsin, White Clover and Mixed Clover and Basswood White 11-12¢. Arizona, Light Amber Alfalfa 8½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Illinois and Wisconsins, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $4.00-4.25, fancy $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $3.25-3.50. Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming, Sweet Clover and Mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $4.00-4.25, few $4.50.

BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market generally steady. Sales to laundry supply houses and wholesale druggists - Colorado, California and Arizona, light 31-32¢, dark 27-29¢. Central and South America, light 28-30¢, dark 20-25¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Water White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 11¢. Arizona, Light Amber Alfalfa 7 3/4¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa fancy $4.25, No. 1, $4.00. Nevada, White Alfalfa fancy $4.50, No. 1, $4.00. Missouri, White Clover No. 1, $4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot receipts since last report. Sales to retailers -

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market steady. Per lb. Minnesota, White Clover 12¢. California, White Orange 12¢. Hawaii, White 11¢.

COMB: Supplies light. Demand and movement very slow, market dull. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases old crop, few sales, Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $3.75-4.00. New crop Minnesota and Iowa, White Clover $4.50-5.00.

NEW YORK: Domestic receipts limited. Foreign receipts very light, principally account tariff. Demand and movement limited, market steady.

EXTRACTED: *Domestic, per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8½¢, White Sage 10½-11¢, White Orange 12-13¢, Light Amber Sage 8½-9½¢, Extra Light Amber Sage 9-10¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 9-10¢. New York, Buckwheat 8½-9½¢. Porto Rico, 75-80¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts limited. Demand good, market firm. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - South America, and Chili, 28-30¢, few 31¢. Brazil, 27-29¢, few 30¢. West Indies, dark 20-22¢, few 23¢, light 25-27¢. Africa, dark mostly 23-24¢, few 25¢.

PHILADELPHIA: EXTRACTED: Receipts and demand very light. No sales reported.

BEESWAX: Supplies light, and with a moderate demand the market has been somewhat stronger for best grades. Sales to manufacturers - per lb., Chili, light 30¢. Brazil, light 29¢. Africa, dark 23¢.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slightly weaker than at first of month. Movement moderate, market about steady with little change in prices. No jobbing sales reported,- all sales direct to retailers.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.00.

EXTRACTED: California and Missouri, Light Amber Sage 10¢.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. Market dull and unchanged. Price to farmers for ungraded average country run wax 25-26¢ per lb.

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* Basis: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers -

AMERICAN BEES IN ONTARIO

(From Consul Felix S.S. Johnson, Kingston, Canada, June 8, 1922.)

Ontario apiarists have, for the past eight years, been importing considerable quantities of American bees. These bees, which are guaranteed disease-free by rigid State inspection of apiaries before shipment, are sold mostly in two pound packages. The principal shipping States are Texas, Alabama, and Georgia which, from the comparatively early close of the honey season, are well suited to engage in this work. In Ontario, where the honey season is later, the apiarists have taken advantage of this source of supply for replenishing their colonies with healthy and vigorous stock. At the present time there is no duty on bees. One of the largest beekeepers in the Province has for the past two years tried buying the bees in the frame instead of in the package, and finds the former system much more satisfactory. He gets three frames, one of honey and two of brood in various stages of development, with as many bees as will cover the frames. These are shipped in a frame container covered with wire netting with the comb frame spaced out and securely fixed to prevent crushing. This apiarist in his experience with this method of shipping bees, has had no losses whatever in transit, while with the two pound packages the number of bees killed on the journey sometimes ran as high as 50 per cent. In the small packages the insects are fed "bee candy", a mixture of pulverized sugar and honey. Black bees stand the trip better than the Italians. The latter are more prone to become excited in the confinement of the package and attack one another. Many are stung to death in this way, making a loss that the black bees are less liable to suffer. All shipments, however, are headed with Italian queens, there being a queen in each lot. As a result, the colonies soon develop the Italian strain.

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THE CONDITION OF APICULTURE IN ITALY

From American Consulate, Genoa, Italy, May 31, 1922.

There is a great contrast between the condition of and interest taken in Italian apiculture before and since the war. Before the war little interest was taken by farmers or others except a few students.

What brought it into prominence was the great shortage of sugar soon after the declaration of war, followed by the law forbidding the use of sugar in pastries and sweets. The demand for honey then increased a hundredfold. Adequate importation of honey not being possible owing to shipping and other difficulties, and to the fact that the countries where the honey originated had become enemies, it was found necessary to develop the home industry. Italy possesses a very rich melliferous flora and a splendid type of bee, i.e., the Apis Ligustica with golden-yellow rings.

Honey was imported in large quantities from Algiers, Tunis, Spain and Central America, but it was of a very inferior kind and cannot compare favorably with that now produced in Italy. In a few years' time Italy will be in a position not only to amply supply its own demands but to export in large quantities to other countries whose local production is small or insignificant, especially to Northern Europe. The excellent quality of the honey is sure to acquire for Italy a first place in the honey exporting countries of the World, and being so near to England, Denmark and Scandinavia it will there easily compete with other exporting countries. There is no place in Italy which is absolutely useless to the bee. There are a few poor zones but the large majority have highly melliferous flora, and the largest amount of honey is collected from what are termed "common meadows".

The price of honey has been reduced about 30% since the end of hostilities and it is expected to be reduced still further, but even if the price of honey were the same as that of sugar, the apiculturists will still be in a position to make a good steady profit out of the business. Before the war honey was restricted to industrial confectionery and pharmaceutical uses. Private use was very limited,- in fact only foreigners and those who had acquired foreign customs made any use of it.

During the war, many had to use honey to replace the sugar in cakes, pastries, etc., and the result was so pleasing that honey was very much in demand by even those of most modest means, so that whereas the industrial demand is about the same as before the war, the domestic demand has increased beyond all expectations now that honey has become so popular and appreciated as a healthy, exquisite, wholesome and nourishing food. The increased demand keeps the price up and with the present abundance of sugar there is no fear that there will be an immediate fall in price, and those who have lately been materially interested in apiculture need have no qualms for any loss.

Apiculture in Italy could and should be made a very successful industry by the use of modern equipment. It is necessary, however, that the apiculturists improve and continue to improve upon the quality of honey now current, and to place it upon the market free from any heterogeneous substances and impurities, which would damage the export trade and place the produce on a much lower level than it deserves in comparison with that of other countries.

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HONEY PRODUCTION 1922, AND CONDITION OF COLONIES NOV. I

(Based on returns by thousands of beekeepers, in all parts of the country, to the Division of Crop Estimates.)

States	Usual per cent of United States crop	Average yield per colony			Form						Condition of Colonies Nov. 1 1922	Per cent of Colonies on hand Nov. 1, compared w. Spring count
					Comb		Extracted		Chunk (Bulk)			
		1922	1921	1913 to 1920	1922	1914 to 1921	1922	1914 to 1921	1922	1914 to 1921		
		Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	per cent
Maine	°	29	57	35	59	73	33	18	8	9	91	135
New Hampshire	°	33	38	37	71	85	25	14	4	1	91	135
Vermont	°	30	60	38	62	70	32	27	6	3	90	120
Massachusetts	°	22	46	32	43	57	53	39	4	4	97	133
Rhode Island	°	30	10	38	1	9	99	90	0	1	90	110
Connecticut	°	34	52	40	34	52	61	43	5	5	87	116
New York	5	55	75	55	35	46	65	52	0	2	93	119
New Jersey	°	31	55	39	-	36	-	63	-	1	91	115
Pennsylvania	4	41	45	44	55	56	45	39	0	5	93	125
Delaware	°	20	-	28	-	47	-	27	-	26	80	96
Maryland	°	26	28	40	65	61	30	30	5	9	93	123
Virginia	3	30	18	40	57	64	24	19	19	17	93	103
West Virginia	1	25	29	29	46	51	10	14	44	35	93	107
North Carolina	3	24	10	34	33	34	26	22	41	44	95	106
South Carolina	1	15	17	26	41	47	19	22	40	31	89	102
Georgia	3	30	35	36	22	25	54	43	24	32	90	92
Florida	2	53	44	62	17	15	80	85	3	0	98	110
Ohio	3	50	85	42	52	58	47	39	1	3	94	120
Indiana	3	60	60	44	41	52	42	39	17	9	96	113
Illinois	5	78	46	46	32	38	61	58	7	4	101	126
Michigan	4	63	95	50	36	41	62	58	2	1	94	121
Wisconsin	4	55	42	56	24	34	76	65	0	1	94	125
Minnesota	3	59	62	54	21	33	76	65	3	2	95	125
Iowa	5	80	50	61	41	48	55	50	4	2	96	116
Missouri	3	60	37	38	25	34	55	44	20	22	96	120
North Dakota	°	157	150	65	59	43	38	57	3	0	110	125
South Dakota	1	105	85	66	33	49	57	44	10	7	95	130
Nebraska	1	65	55	54	44	53	50	41	6	6	95	118
Kansas	2	45	32	34	39	59	54	31	7	10	95	115
Kentucky	4	45	45	41	21	33	49	49	30	18	96	91
Tennessee	3	19	28	28	25	29	52	36	23	35	88	117
Alabama	3	-	29	35	31	29	55	48	14	23	95	120
Mississippi	2	25	39	33	24	45	33	28	43	27	90	102
Louisiana	1	54	55	41	13	15	54	50	33	35	93	112
Texas	5	28	45	44	4	7	69	61	27	32	86	107
Oklahoma	1	40	27	32	32	31	21	30	47	39	95	118
Arkansas	1	35	37	25	20	36	50	24	30	40	91	102
Montana	1	64	88	81	35	56	65	41	0	3	98	128
Wyoming	1	65	100	77	15	52	85	37	0	1	94	107
Colorado	3	55	58	54	43	56	55	42	2	2	96	107
New Mexico	1	60	50	48	36	45	56	45	8	10	87	110
Arizona	1	35	42	64	0	6	100	92	0	2	100	105
Utah	1	63	70	75	10	10	90	89	0	1	94	107
Nevada	1	-	25	58	-	36	-	64	-	0	-	-
Idaho	2	71	80	73	21	52	79	67	0	1	96	130
Washington	2	76	50	55	10	31	89	67	1	2	95	125
Oregon	1	70	60	48	35	53	65	43	0	4	90	110
California	10	75	23	65	11	11	83	88	1	1	95	118
United States	100	53.8	44.2	45.3	28.7	35.0	59.7	50.8	11.6	14.2	94.1	114.7

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of December):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Weather mild, with seasonable rains. Some wild flowers have already started into growth, and outlook is good for black sage. Bees reported in good shape for winter, and most colonies are said to have good stores. In eucalyptus regions, bees still working strongly, securing mostly pollen. The equivalent of several carlots have recently moved to New York by boat.

Stocks, especially of better grades, said to be cleaning up. Demand and sales improving in producing areas, market firm. Beekeepers receiving higher prices as most "distress lots" already sold. Carlot shipments light account approaching holidays. Carlots for outside shipment quoted, per lb., usual terms basis, White Orange 10½-11¢, White Orange and Sage mixed 10¢, White Sage 9½-10¢, Light Amber Sage 7½-8¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 6 3/4-7¢. Large lot sales of White Orange by beekeepers to local dealers reported from 8 to 10¢ per lb. Beekeepers receiving 22-25¢ per lb. for beeswax.

Northern California - Condition of colonies good, except some showing a little disease. Crop now largely sold. Demand for thistle honey good. Carlot sales of White Star Thistle reported at 9¢ per lb., and of dark honey, mixed with Alfalfa and fruit bloom, at 6¢. Light-colored beeswax bringing the beekeepers 22¢ cash per lb., or 23¢ in trade; dark shades one cent less.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies going into winter quarters in extra good condition. Inquiries increasing. "Honey week" held recently in Oregon thought to have helped sale of honey. Wholesale lots of White Alfalfa reported sold at 9-10¢ per lb., Light Amber 8 1/3-9¢.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: In some sections well-packed colonies have consumed stores rapidly, due to comparatively mild fall. Many small beekeepers said to be desirous of disposing of their hives.

Supplies of comb apparently light, with few sales reported. Carlot inquiry for extracted said to be light, but numerous cars reported sold. Several cars White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover sold for distant shipment at 8-8½¢ per lb., Light Amber 7½¢. Two cars White Sweet Clover in export cases, wired and strapped, one for England, the other for Denmark, brought beekeepers 8¢ per lb. Several cars reported sold to nearby dealers of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa at 7½¢, one at 7¢, and one Water White to White at 8¢, with Light Amber at 7¢ per lb. One carlot sale White Comb reported at $3.70 per case for No. 1 and $3.45 for No. 2. L.c.l. sales comb reported at $4.00-5.00 per case. Yellow beeswax 22-25¢ per lb., cash to beekeepers.

ARIZONA POINTS: Supplies practically all sold. L.c.l. lots of Light Amber in 5-gal. cans reported sold at 7¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Abundant fall rains in most areas have helped increase amount of stores, but many weak colonies still need some feeding. Honey plants reported practically up to normal. Few sales mild Light Amber extracted in 6/10s reported at 9½¢ per lb., light mild chunk in 6/10s at $8.10 per case; and beeswax at 25¢ cash per lb., or 30¢ in trade.

PLAINS AREA: Late fall caused most beekeepers to leave their bees out after Dec. 1, but most hives now packed or in the cellar. Local demand improving, but wholesale trade reported slow. One carlot sale White Clover in 60-lb. cans reported at 9 3/4¢ per lb., with small lot sales up to 13¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Fall weather has been generally mild. Sales said to show some increase, especially local trade. Carlot basis for White Clover in 60-lb. cans 10¢ per lb., with l.c.l. lots generally 12-12½¢. Some beekeepers have sold White extracted locally in 60-lb. cans at 9½¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in cellars seem to be quiet. Drouth still reported in many sections. White honey moving more rapidly. Local demand reported good, but few carlot sales reported.

White Clover and Basswood extracted generally quoted at 10-12¢ per lb. in large lots, some low as 9¢, with small lots in 60-lb. cans at 12½-15¢ per lb. Buckwheat in 60-lb. cans has ranged 7-9¢, carlot basis in 160-lb. kegs reported as 8¢ per lb. Carlot sales comb for outside shipment reported at $5.00 per case for No. 1 White and $3.50 for No. 1 Buckwheat. Nearby sales of comb, in carlots, reported at $4.50 per case for White and $3.00 for Buckwheat. Sales in smaller lots have ranged $4.20-5.00 per case for No. 1 White and $2.60-3.50 per case for Buckwheat.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Late, mild, open winter causing bees to consume stores heavily. Brood-rearing still going on in some sections. A report from Ga. states that bees were bringing in honey as late as Dec. 5. Prospects for packages and queens next year reported good from Alabama, but honey prospects in that State poor account drouth.

Light mild extracted honey in 60-lb. cans generally selling at 10-12¢ per lb. A recent carlot sale of Amber honey reported from La. at 6¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES: Porto Rico - Hill districts are said to have yielded better than last year, but extracting in other sections did not come up to last year's volume. Shipments said not to equal demand.

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Cuba - Due to adverse weather conditions,-exceedingly heavy rains and unusually length of rainy season, with extraordinarily high winds, - yield is expected to be less than that of last year. Prices have advanced. Large shipments of barrels to Holland reported at 72¢ per gal., including cost and freight. Local f.o.b. price reported as 5¢ per lb., with beekeepers receiving 4½¢.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Since last report 1 car Calif. 25 barrels by freight from Porto Rico via New York City and approximately 200 cases by express from Vt. arrived. Demand good for extracted and moderate for comb. Prices unchanged since last report.

COMB: Sales to retailers- New York, 24-section cases White Clover $6.00-6.50, poorer, light weight low as $4.00, carton stock $6.50-7.00. Vermont, White Clover best carton stock 24-section cases $6.50-7.00, 20-section cases $5.50-6.00, lighter, unwrapped $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners in 5-package lots or more- Porto Rico, Amber 90-95¢ per gal. California, per lb., White Orange 14½-16¢, White Sage 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 10½-12¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Ida. 1 car Colo. 1,200 lbs. Wis. 1,000 lbs. Ill. 300 lbs. Nebr. and 1,400 lbs. Mont. arrived. Demand and movement rather light which is usual just before holidays. Market about steady on comb and dull on extracted.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, bakers and confectioners - Per lb., Idaho, Montana and Colorado, Sweet Clover and mixed Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 9-10¢, Light Amber 8-8½¢, mixed flavors Dark Amber 6-7¢. Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood fancy White 10-11¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Illinois and Wisconsin, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1 fancy $4.75-5.00. Illinois, Iowa and Colorado, mixed Clover No. 1 heavy $3.75-4.25, No. 2, $3.00-3.50. New York, Buckwheat No. 1, $3.50-4.00.

BEESWAX: Receipts light. Demand and movement has slackened a little within past two weeks with market barely steady. Sales to laundry supply houses and wholesale druggists - Per lb. Colorado, Montana and California, Light 30-31¢, Dark 27-29¢. Central and South American, best Light 28-30¢, Dark, wide range in prices mostly around 22¢, some low as 15¢.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., Colorado, Water White 11¢. Arizona, Light Amber 7 3/4¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa fancy $4.25, No. 1, $4.00. Missouri, White Clover No. 1, $4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market dull.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases, Minnesota and Iowa, White Clover $4.25-5.00, few best $5.25. Western, old crop supplies practically cleaned up; no new supplies as yet.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bottlers in 60-lb. cans - per lb., Minnesota, White Clover 12¢. California, Sweet Clover 11¢, White Orange 12¢. Hawaii, White 11¢.

NEW YORK: Receipts limited. Practically no foreign receipts. Demand and movement light, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Spot sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - Domestic, per lb., California , White Sage 10 3/4-11½¢, White Orange 12½-13¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10¢, extra light Amber Sage 9½-10¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 9½-10½¢, few 11¢. New York, Buckwheat 8½-9½¢. Porto Rico, 75-80¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Foreign receipts light. Demand limited, market steady. Spot sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- South America and Chili, 29-31¢, few 32¢. Brazil 26-29¢, few 30¢. West Indies, Dark 22-23¢, Light 25-27¢. Africa, Dark 23-25¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Arrivals light, mostly of nearby stock.

EXTRACTED: Demand very slow, no sales reported.

BEESWAX: Supplies light, and with a fairly active demand the market has strengthened somewhat. Sales to manufacturers - per lb., Chili, Light 30-30½¢, medium 27-28¢. Africa, dark 24-25¢.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market about steady with little change in prices. Sales direct to retailers-

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Clover $5.00.

EXTRACTED: 5-gal. cans, California and Missouri, Light Amber 8½-9½¢.

BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. Market dull and unchanged. Ungraded country run wax bringing farmers 25-26¢ per lb.

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